

AVISTA CORPORATION
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CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR FIRM SERVICE GAS CURTAILMENT

While Company anticipates that it will be able to meet the requirements of its firm service Customers, Company believes it appropriate to adopt a Curtailment Plan in the event Company's gas supply is curtailed or limited.

Should Company's firm gas supply be insufficient at any time or any location to meet the full requirements of all Company's firm service Customers, Company will curtail service to firm service Customers in the inverse order of the firm service classification list hereunder. Interruptible service shall have been fully curtailed prior to initiating any portion of this Plan.

ORDER OF FIRM SERVICE PRIORITY:

1. All requirements of Residential Customers.
2. All requirements of Commercial and Institutional Customers with peak day demands of less than 1,000 therms.
3. All requirements of Industrial Customers with peak day demands of less than 1,000 therms.
4. All requirements of gas used as Feedstock having demands of 1,000 therms per peak day or greater.
 - (a) Customers with peak demands of 1,000 therms but less than 3,000 therms per day.
 - (b) Customers with peak demands of 3,000 therms but less than 10,000 therms per day.
 - (c) Customers with peak demands of 10,000 therms per day or greater.
5. All requirements of gas used in Direct-Fired applications other than Feedstock and Boiler Fuel having demands of 1,000 therms per peak day or greater.
 - (a) Customers with peak demands of 1,000 therms but less than 3,000 therms per day.
 - (b) Customers with peak demands of 3,000 therms but less than 10,000 therms per day.
 - (c) Customers with peak demands of 10,000 therms per day or greater.
6. All requirements of gas used as Boiler Fuel having demands of 1,000 therms per peak day or greater.
 - (a) Customers with peak demands of 1,000 therms but less than 3,000 therms per day.
 - (b) Customers with peak demands of 3,000 therms but less than 10,000 therms per day.
 - (c) Customers with peak demands of 10,000 therms per day or greater.

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The Company shall not be liable for any loss or damage occasioned by a shortage of supply due to conditions beyond Company's control nor shall such interruption or shortage constitute a breach of its contract.

When only partial curtailment of any classification in the order of priorities is required, such partial curtailment shall be apportioned pro rata among Customers in said classification when and where practicable.

Company shall have the right to inspect Customer's gas consuming facilities in order to determine Customer's requirements and proper position in the order of firm service priority.

Company shall endeavor to give notice by July 1 of any year in which it may expect firm service curtailment to Customers who may be subject to firm service curtailment for the following winter season. Each Customer so notified shall advise the Company by September 1 of such year the name of Customer's representative to whom Company shall give curtailment orders. Company shall also give as much advance notice as possible with respect to each curtailment order. Each curtailment order from Company shall be given by telephone or personal contact by Company to Customer's designated representative. Company shall specify the quantities to be curtailed or restored and the time for instituting curtailment or restoration.

Any quantity of gas taken by Customer in excess of that permitted by the curtailment notice shall be considered as unauthorized gas. Where the volume of unauthorized gas can be determined, Company shall bill and Customer shall pay for any unauthorized gas at the rate of 25¢ per therm in excess of 103% and 50¢ per therm in excess of 105% of the authorized allocation in addition to the regular charges incurred under the firm rate schedule under which Customer's bill is rendered. Payment of charges for unauthorized gas shall not under any circumstances be construed as granting Customer the right to take unauthorized gas or exclude any other remedies which may be available to Company to prevent such unauthorized use.

In the event it should become necessary to curtail firm service due to force majeure conditions, Company may curtail firm service without reference to the priorities established herein.

For the purpose of applying the foregoing priorities, Customer classes are defined as follows:

Residential Customers: Single family dwellings; separately metered apartments or flats; and centrally metered multiple dwellings or apartments where provisions for standby fuel is impracticable.

Institutional Customers: Facilities of municipal, state and Federal

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governments and agencies thereof, except those leased or rented for non-governmental purposes; public and private schools; hospitals and other medical care facilities; and churches.

Commercial Customers: Customers primarily engaged in providing services, wholesale trade, retail trade, agriculture, forestry, fisheries, transportation, communications, utilities, finance, insurance, real estate, clubs and hotels. Customers not included directly in other definitions shall be classified in this category.

Industrial Customers: Customers engaged primarily in a process which creates or changes raw or unfinished materials into another form or product including mining and manufacturing.

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