**STAFF PROPOSED SCHEDULE**

Company Direct Testimony and Exhibits June 13, 2011

Prehearing Conference July 20, 2011

Public Notice Status Report August 22, 2011

Company Supplemental Direct Testimony Sept. 1, 2011[[1]](#footnote-1)

And Exhibits on Decoupling (Optional)

Settlement Conference/ Issues Discussion Nov. 9, 2011

Staff, Public Counsel, Intervenor Response Dec. 7, 2011[[2]](#footnote-2)

Testimony and Exhibits (Includes Decoupling)

Second Settlement Conference/Issues Discussion TBD

Company Rebuttal Testimony and Exhibits; Staff, January 17, 2012 (2 pm)[[3]](#footnote-3)

Public Counsel and Intervenor Cross-

Answering Testimony and Exhibits

Discovery Deadline (last day to issue DRs) February 2, 2012

Joint Issues List February 3, 2012[[4]](#footnote-4)

Deadline for Pre-distribution of Cross-Examination Exhibits and February 9, 2012

Cross-Examination Estimates

Evidentiary Hearings February 13-17, 2012[[5]](#footnote-5)

Public Hearing TBD

Post-hearing Briefs March 16, 2012

Reply Briefs March 28, 2012 (15 p limit)

1. In the pending Avista rate case, Dockets UE-110876 and UG-110877, a Bench Request established procedures for the parties to examine full decoupling in the context of the recent Policy Statement in Docket U-100522. The Staff proposed schedule for PSE anticipates the Commission will want the same information, which we propose be initiated as an optional supplement to PSE’s direct case. If PSE does not file supplemental direct on decoupling, it can only respond to Staff, Public Counsel and Intervenor decoupling testimony in rebuttal. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Data Request response turn-around time is reduced to 7 business days after Dec 7, 2011. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Data Request response turn-around time is reduced to 5 business days after Jan 17, 2012. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. The initial burden to prepare the Joint Issues List is on the Company. Other parties then add their position to the initial list, including listing issues they intend to raise on cross or in briefs and on which that they have not offered a witness. PSE will then finalize the list with its rebuttal position and file with the Commission. The Staff proposal reflects the Avista case, but has only one issues list for filing before the hearing. As with Avista, the Joint Issues List will be prepared without advocacy. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Staff’s proposal asks that the hearings commence on Feb. 14, 2012, unless it appears based on cross-estimates that Feb. 13 will be necessary for hearings. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)