

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 And Exhibits on Decoupling (Optional)	Sept. 1, 2011 ¹
Settlement Conference/ Issues Discussion	Nov. 9, 2011
Staff, Public Counsel, Intervenor Response Testimony and Exhibits (Includes Decoupling)	Dec. 7, 2011 ²
Second Settlement Conference/Issues Discussion	TBD
Company Rebuttal Testimony and Exhibits; Staff, Public Counsel and Intervenor Cross- Answering Testimony and Exhibits	January 17, 2012 (2 pm) ³
Discovery Deadline (last day to issue DRs)	February 2, 2012
Joint Issues List	February 3, 2012 ⁴
Deadline for Pre-distribution of Cross-Examination Exhibits and Cross-Examination Estimates	February 9, 2012
Evidentiary Hearings	February 13-17, 2012 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.

² Data Request response turn-around time is reduced to 7 business days after Dec 7, 2011.

³ Data Request response turn-around time is reduced to 5 business days after Jan 17, 2012.

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.

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.