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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKET NO. UE-991606 and
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	UT-991607
)	
Complainant,)	AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING
)	
v.)	NOTICE OF HEARING FOR
)	CROSS EXAMINATION
AVISTA CORPORATION,)	(July 10 -14, 2000) AND
)	PREHEARING CONFERENCE
Respondent.)	(July 7, 2000)
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I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

On October 22, 1999, Avista Corporation filed certain tariff revisions designed to effect a general increase in its rates for gas and for electric service. The company's letter of transmittal indicates that the cumulative effect of the tariff filing would be to increase annual revenues by \$4.9 million for its gas operations, and by \$26.3 million for its electric operations. By order of the Commission, the operation of the tariff revisions have been suspended pending hearing or hearings concerning such changes and the justness and reasonableness thereof.

A prehearing conference was held on December 16, 1999, and dates were set for the filing of testimony and cross-examination of witnesses. Hearings for cross-examination of the Company's direct testimony were held March 27 through 31, 2000. A public hearing was held in Spokane, Washington, on April 20, 2000, to hear the concerns of members of the public. Commission Staff and Interveners are to file their direct testimony on May 5, 2000; the Company is to file rebuttal testimony on or before June 2, 2000. Hearings for cross-examination of the direct testimony of Staff and Interveners, and of the Rebuttal testimony of the Company, are set for July 10-14, 2000.

II. PURPOSE OF HEARING

Hearings in these matters are being held pursuant to Part IV of chapter 34.05 RCW pertaining to Adjudicative Proceedings, including but not limited to RCW 34.05.422, RCW 34.05.440 , RCW 34.05.449, and RCW 34.05.452. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter under Title 80 RCW, having legal authority to regulate the rates, services, and practices of electric and gas utilities under chapter 80.04 RCW and chapter 80.28 RCW. Statutes involved, in addition to those previously cited, include those within chapters 80.04 and 80.28 RCW relating to rates, including but not limited to RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04.250, RCW

80.28.010, RCW 80.28.020, RCW 80.28.050, RCW 80.28.060, RCW 80.28.090, and RCW 80.28.100. Rules involved include those within chapters 480-90 WAC , 480-100 WAC and 480-09 WAC.

The ultimate issues include whether the proposed tariff revisions are just, fair, reasonable, and sufficient and in the public interest, as well as whether existing rates are just, fair, reasonable and sufficient and in the public interest. These issues include consideration of alternative rate design or structure. In accordance with the provisions of RCW 80.04.130 the burden of proof to show that the rates produced by the filing are just and reasonable shall be upon the respondent.

III. NOTICE OF HEARING DATES AND PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That a prehearing conference in this matter will be held on **July 7, 2000, beginning at 9:30 a.m.**, in the Commission's Hearing Room 206, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW, Olympia, Washington.

Topics for the conference will include the order of witnesses and of cross-examination, the existence of objections to evidence and argument on such objections as appropriate; the existence of dispositive motions and response to such motions, as appropriate. Parties must file and identify objections and serve dispositive motions **no later than 1:00 p.m. on July 5, 2000.**

All parties will provide to the parties and to the bench a list showing its witnesses in the order they will be presented in the party's case **before 9:30 a.m. on Friday, July 7, 2000.** At the prehearing conference, each party must provide an estimate of time on cross examination of each witness.

Exhibits to be presented during cross examination must be provided to other parties and to the Commission in the order the party intends to use them, in a packet, identified by witness, punched for insertion in a three-ring binder, **no later than the time and date set for the prehearing conference.** At the prehearing conference, all cross-examination exhibits will be numbered for identification, and any other procedural matters that need to be addressed will be addressed.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN That a hearing will be held on **July 10 through 14, 2000, at 9:30 a.m.**, in the Commission's Hearing Room, room 206, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington, for cross examination of the Commission Staff witnesses, witnesses for Public Counsel and witnesses for intervenors, and for cross examination of the witnesses presenting rebuttal testimony for the Company.

Please see the form attached to this notice which should be filled out and returned if any party or witness needs an interpreter or other assistance.

NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT ANY PARTY WHO FAILS TO ATTEND OR PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING SET HEREIN, OR OTHER STAGE OF THIS PROCEEDING, MAY BE HELD IN DEFAULT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF RCW 34.05.440. THE PARTIES ARE FURTHER ADVISED THAT THE SANCTION PROVISIONS OF WAC 480-09-700(4) ARE SPECIFICALLY INVOKED.

The names and mailing addresses of all parties and their known representatives are as follows:

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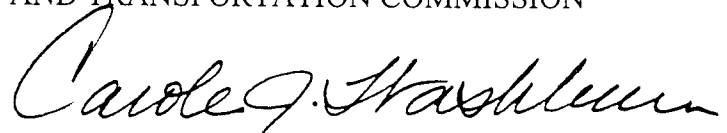
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Marjorie Schaer has been designated as the Administrative Law Judge from the Utilities and Transportation Commission's Administrative Law Section, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington 98504-7250, and will preside at the hearing, with the assistance of Administrative Law Judge Karen Caille.

The Commission will provide at its offices in Olympia, Washington, current records of the hearing for the use of those who may wish to review them. The Public Counsel Section of the Office of Attorney General has been designated to represent the public. The address of the Commission, shown below, may be used for inquiries of public counsel, or public counsel may be contacted directly by writing or calling the address or telephone number listed below.

Notice of any other procedural phase will be given in writing or on the record as the Commission may deem appropriate during the course of this proceeding.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Executive Secretary

April 28, 2000

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