

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of)	
)	DOCKET NO. UE-991255
AVISTA CORPORATION)	
)	NOTICE OF PREHEARING
for Authority to Sell its Interest in the)	CONFERENCE
Coal-Fired Centralia Power Plant.)	(October 28, 1999)
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On August 10, 1999, Avista Corporation filed an application seeking the Commission's approval to sell its ownership interest in the coal-fired Centralia Power Plant. The application requests that the Commission (1) approve the proposed sale of Avista Corporation's 15% share of the Centralia Power Plant to TECWA Power, Inc.; (2) authorize Avista Corporation to defer the gain associated with the sale to a future general rate proceeding; and (3) authorize TECWA Power, Inc. to operate as an exempt wholesale generator. A complete copy of the application is available from the Commission upon request. By order issued October 13, 1999, the Commission authorized TECWA Power, Inc. to operate the Centralia facility as an EWG, conditioned upon a final Commission order approving the sale of the facility.

The hearing set by this notice is being held pursuant to Part IV of chapter 34.05 RCW pertaining to adjudicative proceedings, including but not limited to RCW 34.05.413, RCW 34.05.449, and RCW 34.05.452. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Title 80 RCW, having legal authority to regulate the rates, services, and practices of electric utilities. The statutes and rules involved include those within chapters 80.04 and 80.28 RCW, chapter 80.12 RCW concerning disposition of utility property, and chapters 480-143 WAC, 480-100 WAC and 480-09 WAC. The issues involved are whether the proposed application complies with the above referenced statutes and is otherwise in the public interest.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with WAC 480-09-700(1)(a), the Commission has determined that good cause exists for this matter to be heard on shortened notice.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, That a prehearing conference in this matter will be held at 9:30 a.m., October 28, 1999, in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington. If you are unable to attend the prehearing conference in person, you may attend via the Commission's teleconference bridge line. The bridge line can be accessed by dialing 360-664-3846. Please call into the bridge line not later than 9:25 a.m.

The purpose of said prehearing conference is to consider formulating the issues in the proceeding and to determine other matters to aid in its disposition, as specified in WAC 480-09-460. To assist the Commission at the prehearing conference, the parties are required to submit to the Commission, no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 21, 1999, a list of issues each party wishes the Commission to consider in its disposition of this application. Each party should also serve its issue list on all other known parties.

Petitions to intervene may be made in writing prior to October 28, 1999 or made orally at the prehearing conference. Appearances will be taken. The time and place for evidentiary hearings will be set at the prehearing conference or by later written notice.

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

Marjorie Schaer has been appointed 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.

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

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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 the Attorney General has been designated by the Attorney General 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

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