

**BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of)	
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Avista Corporation, d/b/a Avista Utilities,)	DOCKETS UE-180167 and
)	UG-180168 (<i>Consolidated</i>)
For an Order Authorizing the Company to)	
Revise its Natural Gas Book Depreciation Rates)	Joint Motion to Suspend
and Authorizing Deferred Accounting Treatment for)	Procedural Schedule
the Difference in Depreciation Expense.)	
_____)	

1 In accordance with the procedural schedule set forth in Order 01 in this Docket, the parties convened a settlement conference on January 16, 2019, and exchanged information thereafter. As a result, a multi-party settlement-in-principle has been reached between Avista, Commission Staff, AWEC, and Sierra Club (the “Settling Parties”) that will serve to resolve all issues in this Docket, if ultimately accepted by the Commission. The Settling Parties have also been informed by Public Counsel that it may join the settlement but does not yet have approval to do so.

2 It is anticipated that this settlement-in-principle will be reduced to writing, and filed with the Commission no later than February 12, 2019. If accepted by the Commission, the settlement would render unnecessary several dates set forth in the procedural schedule called for in Order 01, beginning with the filing of Avista Testimony on February 7, 2019.

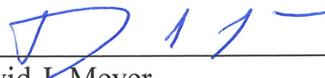
3 Accordingly, the Settling Parties, with Public Counsel’s support, move to suspend the remaining portions of the procedural schedule, and request that a telephonic prehearing conference be held the week of February 11-15, 2019, to determine what additional process would be appropriate for addressing the proposed settlement when filed. It is important to note

that the proposed effective date for the settlement is April 1, 2019, intended to synchronize with the proposed effective date of changes in depreciation rates in Idaho and Oregon.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 4th day of
February, 2019.

DATED this 4th day of February 2019

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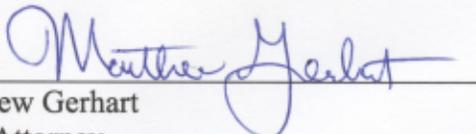
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