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February 7, 2019

NOTICE SUSPENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

NOTICE OF TELEPHONIC PREHEARING CONFERENCE
(Set for 11 a.m., Wednesday, February 13, 2019)

and

NOTICE OF DEADLINE TO FILE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
(Due by 5 p.m., Tuesday, February 12, 2019)

RE: *In the Matter of the Petition of Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities for an Order Authorizing the company to Revise its Electric and Natural Gas Book Depreciation Rates and Authorizing Deferred Accounting Treatment for the difference in Depreciation Expense, Dockets UE-180167 and UG-180168 (Consolidated)*

TO ALL PARTIES:

On February 22, 2018, Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities (Avista or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a petition requesting approval of a proposed change to its electric book depreciation rates and authorizing deferred accounting treatment for the difference in depreciation expense (Docket UE-180167). Avista also filed with the Commission a petition requesting approval of a proposed change to its natural gas book depreciation rates and authorizing deferred accounting treatment for the difference in depreciation expense (Docket UG-180168) (collectively, Petitions). On August 22, 2018, Avista filed amended Petitions in both dockets, withdrawing its request that the difference between depreciation expense under current book depreciation rates and depreciation expense under the updated depreciation rates be deferred.

On December 12, 2018, the Commission convened a prehearing conference in this Docket, and on December 13, 2018, entered Order 01, Order of Consolidation; Prehearing Conference Order; Notice of Hearing (Order 01). Order 01 adopted a procedural schedule that included, among other things, a deadline for Avista to file testimony by February 7, 2019.

On February 4, 2019, Avista filed a Joint Motion to Suspend Procedural Schedule (Motion) on behalf of the Company, Commission staff, AWEC, and Sierra Club (Settling Parties). In the Motion, the Settling Parties state that they have reached a settlement in principle and, with the support of Public Counsel, request that the Commission suspend the procedural schedule. Avista states that the Settlement Agreement will be filed no later than February 12, 2019. Avista further requests that the Commission convene a telephonic prehearing conference to establish any additional process.

Based on the parties' agreement and the impending settlement agreement filing, the Commission finds good cause to suspend the procedural schedule, convene a telephonic prehearing conference at **11 a.m., Wednesday, February 13, 2019**, and require the parties to file the settlement agreement and narrative no later than **5 p.m., Tuesday, February 12, 2019**.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That the procedural schedule in Dockets UE-180167 and UG-180168 is suspended.

THE COMMISSION GIVES FURTHER NOTICE That it will hold a telephonic prehearing conference at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, February 13, 2019. Parties should call the Commission's bridge line at 360-664-3846 before 11 a.m.

THE COMMISSION GIVES FURTHER NOTICE That the Settling Parties must file a Settlement Agreement and Narrative no later than 5 p.m., Tuesday, February 12, 2019.

ANDREW J. O'CONNELL
Administrative Law Judge