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October 5, 2016

**NOTICE SHORTENING TIME
FOR RESPONSES TO MOTION TO STRIKE
(Due by 3:00 p.m., Monday, October 10, 2016)**

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Avista Corporation*,
Docket Nos. UE-160228 and UG-160229

On October 4, 2016, Commission Staff filed its Motion to Strike, or in the Alternative, Motion for Surrebuttal testimony to respond to a proposal that Avista Corporation (Avista or Company) first presented on rebuttal concerning accounting treatment of Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) costs. Staff moves the Commission to strike portions of the rebuttal testimonies of Avista witnesses Mr. Kelly Norwood and Ms. Elizabeth Andrews as follows:

Norwood, Exhibit No. KON-1T

- 7:13-15 – strike “for two unique issues” and “Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) and”
- 29:13-22 – strike references to AMI: strike “two” in line 14; strike “Advanced Metering Infrastructure, and” in lines 17 to 18.
- 35:10-11 – strike “or deferred accounting treatment is approved for the project”
- 35:12 - 36:24
- 44:6-8 – strike “of deferred accounting with respect to both AMI expenditures and” and “for both matters”
- 44:16-18 – strike “for AMI and”
- 44:20 – strike “AMI and”
- 45, Table 7 – strike references to AMI on line 3 of the table, and recalculate revenue requirement
- 46:7-8 – strike “for the 2017 costs associated with the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) project”

Andrews, Exhibit No. EMA-6T

- 1:30 – strike “AMI and”
- 1:31
- 3:13 – strike “the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) project and”

- 5:39 – strike “the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) project and”
- 33, note 44
- 51:29-30 – strike “AMI and”
- 52:2-3 – strike “Advanced Metering Infrastructure, and”
- 52:10 - 53:18

In the alternative, Staff argues, if the Commission declines to strike this testimony, the Commission should permit Staff to present surrebuttal. Staff states that “[i]deally, the parties would have sufficient time to vet Avista’s proposal before filing testimony” but acknowledging the advanced stage of this proceeding, Staff proposes filing surrebuttal testimony within one week after the hearing concludes. Staff could best address the topic of deferred accounting treatment in general, and specifically Avista’s proposal, in written prefiled testimony; however, Staff acknowledges the time constraints of the proceeding, and, as a further alternative, proposes presenting oral surrebuttal at the hearing scheduled to begin on October 12.

Given the shortness of time before hearing, the Commission finds good cause to shorten the time for any response to Staff’s Motion. Parties will be required to submit any response, using the Commission’s web portal, by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 7, 2016, with paper copy to be delivered for filing by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, October 10, 2016.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That parties are required to submit any response to Staff’s Motion to Strike, or in the Alternative, Motion for Surrebuttal, via the Commission’s web portal, by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 7, 2016, with paper copy to be delivered for filing by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, October 10, 2016.

DENNIS J. MOSS
Senior Review Judge
cc: All Parties