

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

Washington Utilities and Transportation)	
Commission,)	
Complainant,)	Docket NO. UE-991606
)	Docket NO. UG-991607
v.)	
)	
Avista Corporation,)	
Respondent.)	

The NW Energy Coalition (NVEC) hereby requests permission to intervene as a party in the above referenced proceeding. In support of this Petition to Intervene, NVEC asserts the following:

A. NVEC's business address is:

NVEC
219 First Ave. South
Suite 100
Seattle, WA 98104

B. NVEC will be represented in this matter by Danielle Dixon. Danielle Dixon is designated for service of all documents in this matter at the address of the organizational offices provided above.

C. NVEC is a not-for-profit corporation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. NVEC has approximately 200 individual members and 35 organizational members representing more than 300,000 citizens in Washington. NVEC's primary purpose is to promote an energy future that is reliable, affordable, and equitable with the least overall cost to society and our natural environment. Due to its historic and ongoing work with utility companies and others to achieve these goals, NVEC possesses unique interest in the outcome of this proceeding.

D. NVEC has a special interest in this proceeding for the following reasons: (1) NVEC members will be directly impacted by rate changes and cost shifting among customer classes that may result from this proceeding; (2) rate design modifications that occur as a result of this proceeding may impact customer investment in energy conservation and energy efficiency; (3) decisions made in this proceeding may influence Avista's investments in energy conservation, renewable resources, and low-income energy services; and (4) decisions made regarding this proceeding may set a precedent for decisionmaking in future electric and gas rate cases.

E. NWEC intends to examine issues regarding investment in low income energy services; rate design; cost allocation; and renewable resources. NWEC also intends to offer support for Avista's Schedule 90 Electric Energy Efficiency Programs.

F. NWEC offers this process considerable expertise in the area of resource planning, industry structure, and economic and policy analysis. NWEC has participated in numerous rate cases, mergers, and resource planning proceedings in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana.

G. NWEC has no intention of unreasonably broadening the issues, burdening the record or delaying the proceeding through its intervention.

For the foregoing reasons, NWEC requests the Commission grant its motion to intervene in this matter.

December 14, 1999

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this day, December 14, 1999, I have served a copy of the foregoing Motion to Intervene of the NW Energy Coalition by first class, U.S. Mail on the following persons:

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Re: Avista Corporation
Docket Nos. UE-991606 & UG-991607

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Attached for filing with the Commission please find an original plus fourteen (14) copies of the NW Energy Coalition's petition to intervene in the above referenced proceeding. Because the Coalition operates on a Macintosh platform using MS Word, I e-mailed a copy of the petition to intervene to the Records Department rather than submitting a potentially unreadable disk copy.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Danielle Dixon
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NW Energy Coalition

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cc: all parties