

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

In re the Matter of)
) DOCKET NO. UE-010395
AVISTA CORPORATION, d/b/a)
AVISTA UTILITIES)
)
Request Regarding the Recovery of)
Power Costs Through the Deferral) FIFTH SUPPLEMENTAL
Mechanism) ORDER ACCEPTING EXHIBITS
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.....)

MEMORANDUM

- 1 Avista, by its Petition filed on July 18, 2001, requests the Commission to approve a 36.9 percent surcharge that Avista would collect subject to refund. The current phase of this proceeding involves only Avista's request to begin recovering certain deferred power costs immediately to address extraordinary circumstances and cure alleged financial hardship. Avista proposes that the broader issues be determined in subsequent phases of this proceeding, or in connection with a general rate case Avista intends to file in November, 2001.
- 2 The Commission allowed the Parties an opportunity to conduct discovery and to prefile their direct testimony and exhibits. A final prehearing conference was conducted on September 4, 2001, and evidentiary hearing proceedings were held before Chairwoman Showalter, Commissioner Hemstad, Commissioner Oshie, and Administrative Law Judge Moss on September 5-6, 2001. The Commissioners heard comments from Avista's customers in hearing proceedings conducted in Spokane, Washington on the evening of September 10, 2001. The record remained open to permit an opportunity for certain supplemental exhibits to be made part of the record. The supplemental exhibits were submitted and available to the parties and the bench prior to briefs being filed on September 17, 2001. No objections were heard.

ORDER

- 3 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED That the following exhibits are received:

NUMBER	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION
3	Bench	Avista Response to BR No. 1 (cash flow statements)
4	Bench	Avista Response to BR No. 2 (purchase and sale contracts, May 1, 2001 forward)
5	Bench	Avista Response to BR No. 3 (precipitation data)
6	Bench	Avista Response to BR No. 4 (rating reports)
7	Public Counsel	Written Comments from Interested Persons
30	(By Public Counsel)	Data re Avista Budget Cuts

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 24th day of September, 2001.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DENNIS J. MOSS,
Administrative Law Judge