

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of Avista Corporation, d/b/a Avista Utilities for an Order Authorizing Implementation of Natural Gas Decoupling Mechanism And To Record Accounting Entries Associated with the Mechanism.

DOCKET NO. UG-060518

MOTION REQUESTING THAT  
OFFICIAL NOTICE BE TAKEN

1. Pursuant to WAC 480-07-495 (2), Public Counsel respectfully requests that the Commission take official notice of the Avista filing on December 29, 2006, in Docket UG-070062.
2. In Avista's petition in Docket UG-070062, the Company has asked for a waiver of the requirement under WAC 480-90-238 that its Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) be filed every two years. Specifically, Avista requests that the filing date be extended six months from December 31, 2007, to June 30, 2008.
3. The request for waiver is relevant to this docket because the decoupling mechanism proposed in the settlement agreement establishes December 31, 2007, as the date for the completion of the IRP and the subsequent filing in this docket of the Demand-Side Management (DSM) target.<sup>1</sup> Under the proposed settlement, the DSM savings achieved in 2008 would be compared to the target established from the December 31, 2007 IRP filing to determine the 2009

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<sup>1</sup> Settlement Agreement, p. 6, "This target savings level for each year will be used for determining the level of the 2007 and 2008 surcharges; the target savings level included in the Company's 2008 IRP will be used for the 2009 surcharge. The Company will file its 2008 gas DSM goal as a tariff revision to its decoupling tariff, which will provide an opportunity for review and comment from all interested parties.

surcharge. It is unclear whether or how this provision of the settlement agreement would function if the waiver request is granted.

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2007.

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