

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

In the Matter of)	DOCKET NO. UE-031247
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Avista Corporation Request for)	ORDER NO. 01
Proposals Filing of August 21, 2003.)	
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)	ORDER APPROVING REQUEST
)	FOR PROPOSALS FILING
.....)	

BACKGROUND

1 On August 21, 2003, Avista Corporation (Avista or Company), filed with the Commission a request for proposals (RFP) under WAC 480-107-060. WAC 480-107-060(2)(b) provides that the Commission has thirty days after the close of a sixty-day comment period to take action on the proposed RFP or to suspend the RFP filing to determine whether its issuance is in the public interest. The sixty-day comment period for "interested persons" ended on October 20, 2003. No comments were filed.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 2 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate rates, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, and transfers of public service companies, including electric companies. *RCW 80.01.040; Chapter 80.04 RCW; and Chapter 80.28 RCW.*
- 3 (2) Avista is an electric company and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 4 (3) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on November 12, 2003.

- 5 (4) Avista has demonstrated that the request for proposal filing satisfies the requirements of Chapter 480-107 WAC.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 6 (1) The Request for Proposals filed by Avista in Docket UE-013247 on August 21, 2003, is approved.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 12th day of November, 2003.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARILYN SHOWALTER, Chairwoman

RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner