

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKET UE-120788
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	
)	ORDER 02
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	
)	ORDER DISMISSING COMPLAINT
AVISTA CORPORATION,)	AND ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF
)	REVISION; ALLOWING TARIFF
Respondent.)	REVISION
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 On May 31, 2012, and again on June 5, 2012, Avista Corporation (Avista or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a revision to its currently effective Tariff WN U-28, designated as First Revision Sheet No. 90 – Supplemental Schedule 91, Public Purposes Rider Adjustment. The tariff revision decreases charges and rates by approximately \$8.2 million or 1.8 percent of overall billed rates for the Company’s Electric Public Purposes Rider.
- 2 The purpose of the filing is to decrease the Electric Public Purposes Rider charges to reflect actual costs and collections over the past year for conservation programs.
- 3 On July 27, 2012, the Commission entered a Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revision and Allowing Rates on a Temporary Basis, Subject to Revision, pending an investigation to determine whether the revision is fair, just, reasonable and sufficient.
- 4 Staff has completed its investigation and recommends that the Commission enter an Order dismissing the Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revision and allow the tariff revision filed by Avista on May 31, 2012, and again on June 5, 2012, to be made permanent.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 5 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate the rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, transfers of property and

affiliated interests of public service companies, including electric companies. RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04, RCW 80.08, RCW 80.12, RCW 80.16 and RCW 80.28.

- 6 (2) Avista is an electric company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 7 (3) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on September 27, 2012.
- 8 (4) The tariff revision presently under suspension is fair, just, reasonable and sufficient because Staff has completed its investigation and found that the costs under review are in accordance with the approved conservation budget and the programs and expenditures have been found to be prudent.
- 9 (5) After reviewing the tariff revision Avista filed in Docket UE-120788 and giving due consideration, the Commission finds it is consistent with the public interest to dismiss the Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revision in Docket UE-120788, dated June 5, 2012, and allow the tariff revision to Tariff WN U-28 to become effective on October 11, 2012.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 10 (1) The Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revision in Docket UE-120788, entered on June 5, 2012, is dismissed.
- 11 (2) The tariff revision Avista Corporation filed in this docket on June 5, 2012, shall become effective on October 11, 2012.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective September 27, 2012.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER, Executive Director and Secretary