

**BEFORE THE  
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of )  
AVISTA Corporation dba 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


ANSWER OF AVISTA CORPORATION  
TO MOTION REQUESTING THAT  
OFFICIAL NOTICE BE TAKEN

1           Avista Corporation (hereinafter “Avista” or “Company”) herewith answers Public Counsel’s motion requesting that the Commission take official notice of the Avista filing in Docket UG-070062, in which the Company had asked for a six month extension of the IRP filing date, from December 31, 2007, to June 30, 2008.

2           This motion is moot because Avista subsequently withdrew its Petition for a waiver in Docket No. UG-070062, by letter dated January 9, 2007, and prior to Public Counsel’s motion. On January 11, 2007, the Commission, by letter, notified the Company that it permitted the withdrawal of the Petition and that the docket was closed. (See Letter from Carole J. Washburn, Executive Secretary, dated January 11, 2007, attached) Accordingly, the Company is not proposing an extension of the filing date for its next IRP. Any questions raised by Public Counsel’s motion have been rendered moot.

Respectfully submitted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2007

AVISTA CORPORATION

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