

March 25, 2009

**NOTICE GRANTING REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
(Public Notice Report due by April 17, 2009)**

RE: *WUTC v. Avista Corporation – General Rate Case*
Dockets UE-090134 and UG-090135

TO ALL PARTIES:

On February 27, 2009, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered *Order 02 – Prehearing Conference Order*, in this matter. Order 02 set out the procedural schedule for this docket, including a deadline of March 24, 2009, for Public Counsel to file a status report on discussions with the Company for an agreed public notice document regarding the proposed rate increase.

On March 24, 2009, Public Counsel filed a letter indicating that its discussions were ongoing but not yet complete. Public Counsel, the Commission's Consumer Protection and Communications Section, and the Company continue to exchange drafts of a proposed public notice document. Therefore, Public Counsel requested a two week extension of the deadline.

In accordance with WAC 480-07-385(2), there is good cause to alter the deadline from the date originally proposed by Public Counsel and such continuance will not prejudice any party or the Commission. Therefore, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That Public Counsel's request to extend the deadline for submission of the Public Notice Report is granted. In order to ensure sufficient time to complete this process, the Commission extends the deadline an additional ten days beyond what Public Counsel requested, to April 17, 2009.**

Sincerely,

ADAM E. TOREM
Administrative Law Judge