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**NOTICE EXTENDING TIME
FOR RESPONSES TO MOTION TO SUPPLEMENT THE RECORD
TO INCLUDE POWER SUPPLY UPDATE
(Due by 3:00 p.m., Thursday, November 10, 2016)**

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Avista Corporation*, Docket Nos. UE-160228 and UG-160229

In its initial rate filing, on February 19, 2016, Avista proposed to update its power supply costs sixty (60) days prior to new rates going into effect on or about January 1, 2017, as well as sixty (60) days prior to the proposed second-step increase on January 1, 2018. On November 1, 2016, Avista filed its Motion to Supplement the Record to Include Power Supply Update. Under WAC 480-07-375(4), any answers are due on Tuesday, November 8, 2016.

On November 2, 2016, Commission Staff and Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities filed their Joint Motion for Extension of Time to Respond. They request a two day extension to the deadline for filing answers, until Thursday, November 10, 2016. This, they say, is necessary “to allow sufficient time to review all of the materials accompanying the motion and to evaluate Avista’s new power cost proposal.”

On November 3, 2016, Avista filed its answer to the Joint Motion stating that Avista does not object to the requested extension of time. With the observation that when parties wish to have the Commission allow a brief extension of time to answer a motion, the more efficacious approach would be for the party(ies) seeking additional time to contact the original moving party, confirm that there is no objection, and file a brief letter request rather than a formal motion. As provided in WAC 480-07-385(2): “The commission will grant a timely request to which all parties expressly agree unless it is inconsistent with the public interest or the commission's administrative needs.”

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That parties are required to submit any answer to Avista's Motion to Supplement the Record to Include Power Supply Update via the Commission's web portal, by 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 10, 2016, with paper copy to be delivered for filing by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, November 14, 2016.

DENNIS J. MOSS
Senior Review Judge