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RE: *Avista Corporation 2015 General Rate Case*
Dockets UE-150204/UG-150205

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced dockets is (1) an order entered yesterday in Thurston County Superior Court remanding the case from that court to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission); (2) a copy of the decision of the Court of Appeals, Division II, reversing and remanding the final order of the Commission; and (3) a Certificate of Service.

It is my understanding that Avista Corporation (Avista) will be filing a general rate case soon. I have consulted with Commission Staff (Staff), who propose consolidating the remand proceeding with the rate case once it is filed. Consolidation would allow for efficiencies in terms of staffing and adjudicative resources. Staff proposes that the Commission convene a prehearing conference in May to establish a procedural schedule for the remand proceeding. If Avista has filed its rate case by then, Staff proposes consolidating the proceedings at the prehearing conference and establishing one procedural schedule incorporating the remand and the general rate case proceedings. In the event Avista files a general rate case after the remand prehearing conference, Staff proposes consolidating the two proceedings then and adjusting the procedural schedule as needed.

Sincerely,

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