

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

AVISTA CORPORATION, dba
AVISTA UTILITIES,

Respondent.

DOCKETS UE-150204 and
UG-150205 (*Consolidated*)

JOINT MOTION TO AMEND
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

I. INTRODUCTION

1 Pursuant to WAC 480-07-385(2)(a), the parties participating in the remand phase of this proceeding, consisting of the staff of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, Avista Corporation, the Public Counsel Unit of the Washington State Attorney General’s Office, and the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers (together, “Joint Parties”), request that the Commission amend the procedural schedule to provide further time for negotiations before response testimony must be filed.

II. DISCUSSION

2 The Joint Parties met to discuss settlement on August 7, 2019, and have continued to negotiate since then. On August 14, 2019, the Joint Parties moved the Commission for a continuance of the response testimony date from August 20, 2019, to August 30, 2019. The Commission granted the motion the following day.

3 The Joint Parties have determined that they will require additional time to be able to continue to negotiate. Therefore they propose to further modify the procedural schedule to allow a meaningful opportunity to negotiate before the non-company parties must draft and finalize

testimony. Specifically, the Joint Parties propose continuing the testimony dates but retaining the hearing date. The proposed modifications to the procedural schedule are set out below.

Underlining represents proposed modified dates. The Joint Parties do not propose any changes to the discovery response times memorialized in the prehearing conference order served May 29, 2019 (Order 07).

Second Settlement Conference (telephonic)	Tuesday, September 10, 2019
Staff, Public Counsel and Intervenor Response Testimony and Exhibits	<u>Friday, September 13, 2019</u>
Company Rebuttal Testimony and Exhibits; Staff, Public Counsel and Intervenor Cross-Answering Testimony and Exhibits	<u>Friday, October 11, 2019</u>
Discovery Deadline – Last Day to Issue Data Requests	<u>Thursday, October 17, 2019</u>
Exhibit List, Cross-Examination Exhibits, Witness Lists, Time Estimates, and Exhibit Errata	Friday, October 25, 2019
Evidentiary Hearing	Wednesday, October 30, 2019

4 Pursuant to the Commission’s procedural rules, the Commission will grant a continuance if there is good cause for the continuance and the continuance will not prejudice any party or the Commission. WAC 480-07-385(2)(a). Because all of the parties support this request, there is no prejudice to any party. Although the Joint Parties’ proposal compresses the schedule leading up to the hearing, the Joint Parties believe there will be sufficient time to prepare for this limited issue hearing. Further, the request does not propose changing the hearing date or post-hearing process. Accordingly, the Joint Parties do not believe that the proposed schedule modification will prejudice the Commission.

III. CONCLUSION

5 For the reasons stated above, the Joint Parties respectfully request that the Commission grant their motion to amend the procedural schedule and approve the proposed modifications to the procedural schedule.

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Respectfully submitted,

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