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**NOTICE GRANTING CONTINUANCE OF
PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

Re: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Avista
Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities, Docket No. UG-031361

TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD:

On January 16, 2004, The Commission received a motion from Avista Corporation in the above matter to extend the prehearing conference scheduled for January 21, 2004, at 10:30 a.m. Avista would like to postpone the prehearing conference until a date not earlier than three weeks after the Commission's Order is entered in the Benchmark Case in Docket No. UG-021584. Avista states this will allow for a review of the Order and will allow the parties more time to evaluate their positions and discuss possible resolution of issues in this docket. Counsel for Avista indicates he has contacted Staff and Public Counsel who do not object to the requested continuance.

NOTICE IS GIVEN That the Commission will continue the prehearing conference of January 21, 2004, to a later date and time. The Commission will schedule a prehearing conference after the Order is entered in Docket No. UG-021584.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Executive Secretary