

[Service Date September 13, 2006]

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET UE-061411
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AVISTA CORPORATION, D/B/A)	
AVISTA UTILITIES,)	NOTICE OF PREHEARING
)	CONFERENCE
For an Order Approving Avista's)	(Set for Wednesday, September 27,
Update of its Base Power Supply and)	2006, at 1:30 p.m.)
Transmission Costs.)	
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.....)	

1 Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities (Avista) on August 31, 2006, filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a petition for an order approving Avista's update of its base power supply (production) and transmission costs and a corresponding increase in rates and charges for the electric services to its electric customers in the state of Washington. The updated production and transmission costs result in a proposed rate increase request of \$28.9 million or 8.8 percent.

2 **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter under Title 80 RCW and has legal authority to regulate the rates, services, and practices of electric utilities. The statutes that apply to this matter include chapters 80.01, 80.04 and 80.28 RCW, including but not limited to RCW sections 80.01.040, 80.04.020, 80.28.020, 80.28.030, 80.28.070, 80.28.090, and 80.28.100. The rules that apply to this matter include those within chapters 480-100 WAC, relating to electric companies.

3 The Commission will hear this matter under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), particularly Part IV of chapter 34.05 RCW relating to adjudications. The provisions of the APA that relate to this proceeding include but are not limited to RCW 34.05.413, RCW 34.05.422, RCW 34.05.431, RCW 34.05.440, RCW 34.05.449, and RCW 34.05.452. The Commission will also follow its procedural rules in chapter 480-07 WAC in this proceeding.

4 The Commission finds there is good cause to hear this matter shortened notice. *See*,
WAC 480-07-440(1)(a).

5 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That it will hold a prehearing conference
in this matter at 1:30 p.m., on September 27, 2006, in Room 108, First Floor,
Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia,
Washington.**

6 The purpose of the prehearing conference is to consider requests for interventions,
resolve scheduling matters including establishing dates for distributing of evidence
and work papers, to identify the issues in the proceeding and determine other matters
to assist the Commission in resolving the matter, as listed in WAC 480-07-430.

7 **INTERVENTION:** Persons who wish to intervene should file a petition to intervene
in writing at least three business days before the date of the prehearing conference.
See WAC 480-07-355(a). The Commission will consider oral petitions to intervene
during the conference, but strongly prefers written petitions to intervene. Party
representatives must file a notice of appearance with the Commission no later than the
business day before the conference. *See, WAC 480-07-345(2)*. If any party or
witness needs an interpreter or other assistance, they should fill out the form attached
to this notice and return it to the Commission. The Commission will set the time and
place for any evidentiary hearings at the prehearing conference, on the record of a
later conference or hearing session, or by later written notice.

8 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that any party who fails to attend or
participate in the prehearing conference set by this Notice, or any other stage of
this proceeding, may be held in default under RCW 34.05.440. The Commission
specifically invokes the sanction provisions of WAC 480-07-450 which allow the
Commission to seek penalties for a party in default.**

9 The names and mailing addresses of all known parties and their known
representatives are as follows:

Applicant:	Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities Kelly Norwood, Vice President State and Federal Regulation 1411 E. Mission Avenue, MSC-13 PO Box 3727
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10 The Commissioners of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission and Administrative Law Judges Bob Wallis and Patricia Clark, from the Commission's Administrative Law Division, will preside during this proceeding.

11 The Attorney General has designated Judith Krebs of the Office of Public Counsel to represent the public. You may use the Commission's address, shown below, for

contacting Public Counsel, or you may contact Public Counsel directly by writing or calling the address or telephone number listed below.

- 12 The Commission will give parties notice of any other procedural phase of the proceeding in writing or on the record, as appropriate during this proceeding.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective September 13, 2006.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Executive Secretary

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NOTICE

Hearing facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. Smoking is prohibited. If limited English-speaking, hearing-impaired parties or witnesses are involved in a hearing and need an interpreter, a qualified interpreter will be appointed at no cost to the party or witness.

If you need an interpreter, or have other special needs, please fill out this form and return it to Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, Attention: Carole J. Washburn, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW, P. O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250. (PLEASE SUPPLY ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION)

Docket : _____

Case Name: _____

Hearing Date: _____ Hearing Location: _____

Primary Language: _____

Hearing Impaired (Yes) _____ (No) _____

Do you need a certified sign language interpreter:

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Tactile _____

Other type of assistance needed: _____

English-speaking person who can be contacted if there are questions:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: (____) _____