

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

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

AVISTA CORPORATION d/b/a
AVISTA UTILITIES,

Respondents.

DOCKET NOS. UE-011595 &
UE-030751

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The Public Counsel Section of the Washington State Attorney General's Office (Public Counsel) requests a six to eight week continuance of the hearings currently set for October 15 through 17, 2003 in Dockets UE011595 and UE-030751.

Public Counsel anticipates receiving today additional data from Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities on CD-ROMs, based upon informal communications between the parties' respective witnesses last week. This data may materially alter the analysis of Ms. Catherine M. Elder which was previously submitted on behalf of Public Counsel on August 25, 2003. In the event Ms. Elder's direct testimony is materially affected by her review of this additional data Public Counsel will request by motion an opportunity to supplement her testimony.

Public Counsel has been authorized to represent that no party objects to the continuance of the hearing dates for the requested period. Public Counsel further requests that the Commission not set the new hearing dates during the last two weeks of the year to accommodate parties' existing holiday plans.

For the foregoing reasons, Public Counsel respectfully requests the Commission strike the existing prehearing conference and hearing dates in this docket. Given the limited time

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remaining before the currently scheduled prehearing conference Public Counsel requests expedited consideration of this request so that all parties may avoid unnecessary effort and expense preparing for the prehearing conference currently scheduled for October 9th, 2003 and the hearings currently set for October 15-17, 2003.

DATED this 6th day of October, 2003.

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