February 20, 2004

NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE (Set for March 17, 2004)

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 20, 2004, the Commission issued a notice in the above matter granting a continuance of 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 requested the continuance and 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. The Commission entered its order in Docket No. UG-021584 on Friday, February 13, 2004.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE That a prehearing conference will be held on Wednesday, March 17, 2004, beginning at 1:30 p.m. in Room 108, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN Executive Secretary