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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON
THE PRUDENCE OF AVISTA CORPORATION'S
NATURAL GAS DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
EXPENDITURES DURING THE PRIOR TWO YEARS
(Comments due by 5:00 p.m., Monday, July 16, 2012)**

**NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING
(To be considered at the Friday, July 27, 2012, Open Meeting)**

RE: Avista Corporation,
Prudence of natural gas demand side management program expenditures
during the prior two years, Docket UG-121026

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On June 1, 2012, Avista Corporation (Avista) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a report concerning the prudence of expenditures related to its natural gas demand side management (DSM) program during the preceding two years.

The report is required by Order 05, in Docket UG-110877. As outlined in the Order, within 30 days of filing, any person could request that the Commission set the matter for adjudication. If Avista's request was set for hearing, the Movants agreed to support a suspension period of up to 6 months.

The Commission will consider Avista's report at its July 27, 2012, open meeting. The Commission strongly encourages written comments on Avista's report in advance of the meeting. Written comments should be submitted **no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, July 16, 2012**, and, if possible, in electronic format.¹ Electronic

¹ Order 05, Docket UG-110877 permits Commission Staff and other interested persons to file written comments within thirty days of the utility's filing. The Commission has extended that deadline to July 16, 2012.

format should be on a CD or 3 ½ inch IBM formatted high-density disk, in **.pdf** Adobe Acrobat format. Please also send us the text of your comment in **.doc** (Word 97 or later) formatted file labeled with:

- the docket number assigned to the report (Docket UG-121026),
- the commenter's name, and
- the type of software used.

Comments may also be submitted via the Commission's Web portal at www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing or by e-mail to the Commission's Records Center at records@utc.wa.gov. If you choose this means of submitting comments, please include all of the information requested above for the diskette label. The Commission will make available all comments provided in electronic form on the Commission's web site at <http://www.utc.wa.gov> under the docket number above. Documents will be posted within twenty-four hours of receipt.

Written comments (electronic or hard copies) should be addressed to Mr. David W. Danner, Executive Director and Secretary, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, PO Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250.

The Commission will consider all comments and determine whether additional scrutiny is warranted, and may establish an adjudicative proceeding or other process to fully consider the prudence of the Company's expenditures.

The report is available on the Commission's Web site at www.utc.wa.gov under Docket UG-121026.

Questions concerning Avista's report should be directed to Avista representative Linda Gervais at 509-495-4975; e-mail: Linda.Gervais@avistacorp.com or to Commission Staff, Eric Russell, at 360-664-1302; e-mail: erussell@utc.wa.gov .

Sincerely,

DAVID W. DANNER
Executive Director and Secretary