

[Service Date September 7, 2011]

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT HEARINGS**  
**(Set for Tuesday, November 8, 2011, at 12:00 p.m. (noon) – Spokane Valley;**  
**Tuesday, November 8, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. – Spokane; and**  
**Wednesday, November 9, 2011, at 12:00 p.m. (noon) – Pullman)**

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Avista Corporation, d/b/a Avista Utilities*, Dockets UE-110876 and UG-110877 (Consolidated)

TO THE PARTIES:

On May 16, 2011, Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities (Avista) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-28, Electric Service in Docket UE-110876 and revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-29, Gas Service in Docket UG-110877 for a general rate increase for electric and gas service. Avista requests an electric rate increase of \$38.3 million, or 8.7 percent, and a gas rate increase of \$6.2 million or 4.0 percent.

On June 20, 2011, the Commission entered Order 04—Prehearing Conference Order in the above proceeding. In that Order, the Commission stated that the time and place for public comment hearings would be determined at a later date. The Commission now establishes the time and place for public comment hearings to provide members of the public with an opportunity to present oral comments to the Commission. The Commission will accept written comments until the record in this proceeding is closed.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That a public hearing in this matter will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2011, from 12:00 p.m. (noon) to 1:30 p.m., in the Spokane Valley Council Chambers, 11707 E. Sprague Avenue, Spokane Valley, Washington.** The Commission will begin taking comments from members of the public at 12:00 p.m. (noon), ending no later than 1:30 p.m.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN That another public hearing in this matter will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2011, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., in the Spokane City Council Chambers, 808 W. Spokane Falls Boulevard, Spokane, Washington.** The Commission will begin taking comments from members of the public at 6:00 p.m., ending no later than 7:30 p.m.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN That a final public hearing in this matter will be held on Wednesday, November 9, 2011, from 12:00 p.m. (noon) to 1:30 p.m., in the Pullman City Council Chambers, 325 SE Paradise Street, Pullman, Washington.** The Commission will begin taking comments from members of the public at 12:00 p.m. (noon), ending no later than 1:30 p.m.

Sincerely,

DAVID W. DANNER  
Executive Director and Secretary