

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKETS UE-090134
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	and UG-090135
)	(consolidated)
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	ORDER 08
)	
AVISTA CORPORATION, d/b/a)	
AVISTA UTILITIES,)	
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Respondent.)	
.....)	
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In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET UG-060518
)	(consolidated)
AVISTA CORPORATION, d/b/a)	
AVISTA UTILITIES,)	
)	ORDER 08
For an Order Authorizing)	
Implementation of a Natural Gas)	
Decoupling Mechanism and to Record)	ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO
Accounting Entries Associated With the)	CLARIFY AND CORRECT
Mechanism.)	SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER 07
.....)	

MEMORANDUM

- 1 On June 30, 2009, the Commission entered Order 07, *Supplemental Order Temporarily Extending Decoupling Mechanism*, conditionally granting Avista Corporation’s request for an interim extension of its existing pilot decoupling mechanism (Pilot Program) until such time as a final decision is entered in the Company’s natural gas general rate case. In Order 07, the Commission set out the positions of all parties on Avista’s petition for the interim extension, including that of the NW Energy Coalition (NWECC or Coalition).

- 2 On July 10 2009, the NW Energy Coalition filed its Motion to Clarify and Correct Supplemental Order (Order 07). The Coalition requests that we correct an obvious ministerial error in our order whereby we incorrectly summarized NWECC’s position

with regard to the retroactivity of any modifications we might make to Avista's Pilot Program. The last sentence of paragraph 11 in Order 07 stated that:

. . . NW Energy Coalition expresses its opinion that any later modifications to Avista's decoupling mechanism should *not* be retroactive to the interim period (emphasis added).

3 As NWEC correctly points out in its motion, this is exactly opposite of the position NWEC took in its response to Avista's petition. NWEC's response contended that modifications "should apply not only prospectively . . . but also retroactively to and during the interim period." Clearly, our order mischaracterized the Coalition's view on retroactivity.

4 Avista and all other parties to this proceeding have communicated their agreement with the Coalition's motion. Therefore, recognizing our clerical error, we conclude that NWEC's motion for clarification and correction should be granted.

ORDER

5 THE COMMISSION ORDERS That the NW Energy Coalition's Motion for Clarification and Correction of Supplemental Order 07 is granted.

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective July 14, 2009.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

JEFFREY D. GOLTZ, Chairman

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner

PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner