

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

AVISTA CORPORATION d/b/a AVISTA
UTILITIES,

Respondent.

DOCKETS UE-110876 and
UG-110877 (*Consolidated*)

MOTION FOR PREHEARING
CONFERENCE
(Expedited treatment requested)

I. MOVING PARTIES

1 The parties filing this Motion are Avista Corp., the Staff of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, the Public Counsel Section of the Attorney General's Office, Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU), Northwest Industrial Gas Users (NWIGU) and The Energy Project (collectively, "Moving Parties").

II. FACTS

2 Pursuant to the Commission's procedural schedule in these dockets, a settlement conference took place in Olympia on September 22 and 23, 2011. All parties participated. Today, a Settlement Agreement was filed, which, if approved by the Commission, would resolve all issues in these dockets as among the settling parties.

3 The Settlement Agreement is signed by each of the Moving Parties, which are all parties to these dockets except the NW Energy Coalition (Coalition). It is the Moving Parties' understanding that the Coalition does not oppose the Settlement Agreement except to the extent it may affect the Coalition's ability to address the full decoupling issue in

Docket UE-110876.¹ The Coalition has indicated that it supports the request for a prompt prehearing conference and will file a short response to the request within a day after it is filed setting forth NWEC's position in additional detail.

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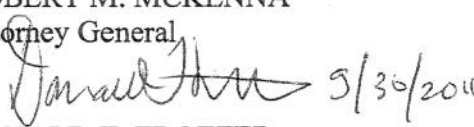
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DATED this ____ day of September, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

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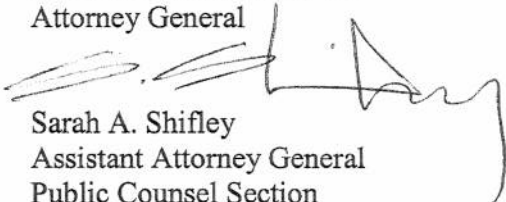
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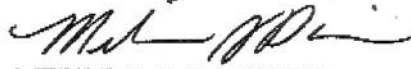
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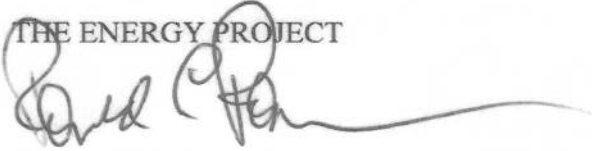
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