

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET UG-060518
)	
Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities)	
)	NOTICE OF WORKSHOP TO
For an Order Authorizing Implementation)	DISCUSS FINAL EVALUATION
of a Natural Gas Decoupling Mechanism)	REPORT ON AVISTA’S PILOT
and to Record Accounting Entries)	DECOUPLING PROGRAM
Associated With the Mechanism.)	(Set for May 14, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.)
.....)	

- 1 On February 1, 2007, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered Order 04 in this proceeding, conditionally approving a settlement agreement (Settlement) in which the parties agree to implement a pilot decoupling program. In the Settlement, the parties agreed that Avista Corporation, d/b/a Avista Utilities (Avista or the Company), “Commission Staff, and other interested parties will develop, through a collaborative process, a draft evaluation plan to be filed with the Commission no later than December 31, 2007.” *Settlement*, ¶ 6.J.
- 2 On April 11, 2008, the Commission entered Order 05 in this proceeding, extending the filing deadline for the draft evaluation plan to April 30, 2008. In addition, Order 05 required Avista to file a final evaluation report of its pilot decoupling mechanism no later than March 31, 2009.
- 3 On March 31, 2009, Avista timely filed its “Evaluation of Avista Natural Gas Decoupling Mechanism Pilot” report with the Commission.
- 4 The Commission has undertaken its initial review of the Company’s final evaluation report and wishes to hear Avista’s views on the evaluation of its pilot program as well as the responses of other parties to the final evaluation report. Specifically, the Commission seeks the parties’ views on the comprehensiveness of the evaluation report and what, if any, additional information would be beneficial to assessment of Avista’s pilot decoupling program. The Commission will also accept public comment limited to this topic. The Commission’s agenda for this workshop is attached as Appendix A to this notice.

- 5 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That it will hold a workshop regarding the final evaluation report in this matter on May 14, 2009, at 1:30 p.m., in Room 206, the Main Hearing Room, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington. Parties unable to appear in person may enter their appearance via the Commission's teleconference bridge, by calling 360-664-3846 five minutes prior to the time of the workshop.**
- 6 The Commissioners of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission will attend the workshop. Administrative Law Judge Adam E. Torem, from the Commission's Administrative Law Division, will serve as facilitator during this workshop.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective April 21, 2009.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER
Executive Director and Secretary

APPENDIX A

WORKSHOP AGENDA

TOPIC: “Evaluation of Avista Natural Gas Decoupling Mechanism Pilot”
Final Report to Avista and the Stakeholder Advisory Group
Compiled by Titus and WeatherWise USA on behalf of Avista Corporation

I. Presentation by Avista Corporation – Summary of Evaluation Report

II. Party Responses to Completeness of Evaluation Report

- a. Commission Staff
- b. Public Counsel
- c. The Energy Project
- d. The Northwest Energy Coalition
- e. Northwest Industrial Gas Users

III. Opportunity for Public Comment on Completeness of Evaluation Report