BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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| Complainant, | |
| V. | |
| AVISTA CORPORATION d/b/a AVISTA UTILITIES Respondent. | |

DOCKETS UE-150204 and UG-150205 (Consolidated)

JOINT MOTION FOR AN ORDER APPROVING MULTIPARTY SETTLEMENT STIPULATION

Comes now, Avista Corporation ("Avista" or the "Company"), the Staff of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission ("Staff"), the Public Counsel Section of the Washington Office of Attorney General ("Public Counsel"), Northwest Industrial Gas Users ("NWIGU"), and the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities ("ICNU"), (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Parties"), and respectfully move the Commission for an Order approving the Multiparty Settlement Stipulation filed herewith.¹ This Joint Motion is based on the following:

1. Representatives of all who have intervened participated telephonically at a Settlement Conference held on April 24, 2015, which was held for the purpose of narrowing or resolving the contested issues in this proceeding. Subsequent discussions led to this Multiparty Settlement Stipulation.

2. On May 1, 2015, the Parties filed with the Commission a Multiparty Settlement Stipulation (attached as Appendix A to this Joint Motion). This Multiparty Settlement

¹ The only other party to these proceedings is The Energy Project, who does not join in the Stipulation.

Stipulation, if approved, would resolve some, but not all, issues in these dockets. The effect of the Multiparty Settlement would be to reduce Avista's requested electric revenue requirement from \$33.2 million to \$17.0 million, and gas revenue requirement from \$12.0 million to \$11.3 million. Among the unresolved issues are the recovery of capital and other expenses, as well as the appropriate level of LIRAP funding.

3. The Parties will file Joint Testimony in support of the Settlement on July 27, 2015, at the same time as the scheduled filing of the Staff, Public Counsel and Intervenor Response Testimony and Exhibits. The Parties believe this will promote administrative efficiency and the processing of this case. The Parties, therefore, request that the Multiparty Settlement Stipulation be approved as a fair resolution of certain issues, as being in the public interest, and without change or modification².

4. In the event that the Commission should reject the Multiparty Settlement Stipulation, or materially modify it in ways unacceptable to the Parties, the Parties request that a prehearing conference immediately be convened to establish any appropriate modifications to the procedural schedule.

Entered into this 1^{SF} day of May, 2015.

 $^{^{2}}$ To the extent necessary, the Parties request a waiver of the Commission's rules on settlement procedures, in order to allow the filing of joint testimony in support thereof at a date subsequent to the actual filing of the Settlement itself.

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