## BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Complainant,

v.

AVISTA CORPORATION d/b/a AVISTA UTILITIES

Respondent.

**DOCKET UE-080416** 

**DOCKET UG-080417** 

(consolidated)

JOINT MOTION TO WAIVE SEPTEMBER 19 TESTIMONY FILING DATE FOR STAFF AND OTHER SETTLING PARTIES

Earlier today, several parties to these consolidated dockets filed a Multiparty

Settlement Stipulation with the Commission. The Settlement Stipulation, which would be a

full resolution of all issues in these dockets, has been entered into by Avista Corporation,

Commission Staff, the Northwest Industrial Gas Users ("NWIGU"), and the Energy Project.

The Industrial Customers of the Northwest Utilities ("ICNU") has agreed to portions of the

Settlement Stipulation. The Public Counsel Section of the Washington Office of Attorney

General ("Public Counsel") has not joined in the Settlement Stipulation.

The current case schedule calls for responsive testimony to Avista's general rate case filing to be filed on September 19. In light of the recently entered Settlement Stipulation, Commission Staff, NWIGU, and the Energy Project will be filing either joint testimony or a joint narrative in support of the Settlement Stipulation, as required by WAC 480-070-740(2), at a date to be established by the Commission. Accordingly, Staff, NWIGU, and the Energy Project request that the September 19 testimony filing date be waived as to the settling parties. No other dates would be affected by this motion. Staff has notified the

other parties to this docket, and has not received any objections to this motion from either ICNU or Public Counsel.

DATED this 16th day of September, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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