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**NOTICE OF SECOND PREHEARING CONFERENCE
(Set for October 10, 2011, at Noon)**

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, Complainant, v. Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities, Respondent, Dockets UE-110876 and UG-110877 (consolidated)*

TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD:

On September 30, 2011, Avista Corporation, d/b/a Avista Utilities, the Commission's regulatory staff, the Public Counsel Section of the Washington Office of Attorney General, Northwest Industrial Gas Users, Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities, and The Energy Project filed a Settlement Stipulation (Settlement) with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) that resolves all issues in this matter as among these parties. The only remaining party, NW Energy Coalition (NVEC), did not join in the Settlement since it intends to present testimony and pursue further litigation on the issue of electric decoupling. However, NVEC does not oppose the Settlement.

The parties request that the Commission convene a prehearing conference to address the process and schedule for consideration of the Settlement, the status of the full decoupling issue in this proceeding, and any other procedural issues.

The Settlement presents a number of issues that can most efficiently be addressed in a prehearing conference. Accordingly, the request for a prehearing conference is granted.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That it will hold a prehearing conference in this matter at Noon, on October 10, 2011, in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington. If you are unable to attend the prehearing conference in person, you may attend via the Commission's teleconference bridge line at **360-664-3846**. Please appear on the teleconference bridge five minutes before the conference is scheduled to begin.

Sincerely,

MARGUERITE E. FRIEDLANDER
Administrative Law Judge