

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	DOCKET NOS. UE-110876 and UG-110877 (<i>Consolidated</i>)
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Complainant,)	
)	NWEC’S PROPOSED HEARING SCHEDULE ON DECOUPLING
vs.)	
)	
AVISTA CORPORATION d/b/a AVISTA UTILITIES,)	
)	
Respondent.)	
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On October 10, 2011, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission held a prehearing conference in the above-captioned matter to address the process and schedule for consideration of the Settlement Stipulation and the status of the remaining issue in the case, full decoupling. At the prehearing conference, the Commission ordered that the consideration of the Settlement and the remaining decoupling issue be bifurcated, and ordered the parties to confer and propose a schedule for the resolution of the remaining decoupling issue. Accordingly, NWEC proposes the below dates for resolution of the decoupling issue.

Avista Corporation, d/b/a Avista Utilities, the Commission’s regulatory staff, the Public Counsel Section of the Washington Office of Attorney General, and Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities have indicated that these dates are acceptable. NWIGU and The Energy Project have not taken a position on the proposed schedule.

NWEC proposes that discovery for the bifurcated decoupling issue be conducted pursuant to the Commission’s discovery rules, WAC 480-07-400 – 425, with 10 days as the

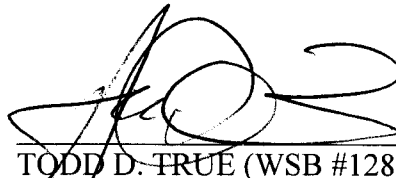
response time for data requests. Public Counsel opposes this proposal and prefers a shorter response time for data requests.

Proposed Hearing Schedule on Electric Decoupling

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November 2, 2011	NWEC Direct Testimony
December 21, 2011	Responsive Testimony of Parties
January 5, 2012	Settlement Conference
January 11, 2012	NWEC Rebuttal/Cross-Answering Testimony of Parties
January 26-27, 2012	Hearings
February 23, 2012	Briefs
April 1, 2012	Anticipated Decision Date

Respectfully submitted this 28th day of October, 2011.



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