

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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| WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND |) | DOCKETS UE-120436 and |
| TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, |) | UG-120437 (<i>Consolidated</i>) |
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| Complainant, |) | ORDER 05 |
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| v. |) | ORDER GRANTING AVISTA’S |
| |) | MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE |
| AVISTA CORPORATION d/b/a |) | SUPPLEMENTAL AND REVISED |
| AVISTA UTILITIES, |) | TESTIMONY AND EXHIBITS |
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| Respondent. |) | |
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| WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND |) | DOCKETS UE-110876 and |
| TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, |) | UG-110877 (<i>Consolidated</i>) |
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| Complainant, |) | ORDER 10 |
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| v. |) | ORDER GRANTING AVISTA’S |
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1 **NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS:** On April 2, 2012, Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities (Avista or the Company) filed revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-28, Electric Service in Docket UE-120436 and revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-29, Gas Service in Docket UG-120437. Avista requests an electric rate increase of \$41.0 million, or 9.0 percent, and a gas rate increase of \$10.1 million or 7.0 percent. In addition, Avista filed tariff Schedule 93, which reflects a proposed one-year Energy Recovery Mechanism bill decrease, or rebate, to electric customers of \$13.6 million (about 2.9 percent). On May 14, 2012, the Washington Utilities and

Transportation Commission (Commission) entered Order 03/08¹ consolidating Dockets UE-120436 and UG-120437 with the second phase of Dockets UE-110876 and UG-110877, which raises the issue of full decoupling for the Company.

2 **MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE SUPPLEMENTAL AND REVISED TESTIMONY AND EXHIBITS.** On May 29, 2012, Avista filed a Motion for Leave to File Supplemental and Revised Testimony and Exhibits (Motion) in the above matter. Avista states that the revisions to the testimony are necessary “to correct for a computational error in the attrition analysis” performed by Dr. Mark N. Lowry.² Avista is not seeking a change in its requested revenue requirement. The Company proposes revision of the following testimony and exhibits:

- Revised Direct Testimony of Scott L. Morris, page 31;
- Revised Direct Testimony of Kelly O. Norwood, pages 10, 21-26;
- Revised Direct Testimony of Mark N. Lowry, pages 3, 22-23;
- Supplemental Exhibit of Mark N. Lowry; and
- Revised Direct Testimony of Elizabeth M. Andrews, page 35.

3 Avista also requests leave to supplement the direct testimony and exhibits of Ms. Andrews “providing further analysis supporting her demonstration of the impact of attrition on the Company’s natural gas business.”³ The revised testimony of Mr. Morris, Mr. Norwood, Dr. Lowry, and Mr. Andrews, as well as the supplemental testimony and exhibits of Dr. Lowry and Ms. Andrews, are attached to Avista’s Motion.

4 The Commission afforded the parties an opportunity to respond to the Company’s Motion. Only the Commission’s regulatory staff (Staff) and the Public Counsel Section of the Washington Office of Attorney General (Public Counsel) responded, indicating they do not oppose to Avista’s Motion.

¹ The dual order number is the result of consolidation.

² Motion, ¶ 2. Avista asserts that Dr. Lowry has revised his testimony and supplied a supplemental exhibit “to reflect the effect of converting from logarithmic growth factors to arithmetic growth factors for the two year escalation rates that are used to trend the 2011 base year amounts to the 2013 rate year amounts in his attrition study.” *Id.*

³ Motion, ¶ 5.

5 *Discussion/Decision.* Avista pledges that its revised and supplemental filings have no impact on its overall revenue requirement. In addition, with over three months until the deadline for filing response testimony, Staff, Public Counsel, and the other parties have an adequate amount of time to address the additional information.

6 The Commission determines, in light of the foregoing discussion, that Avista's Motion should be granted.

ORDER

7 The Motion for Leave to File Supplemental and Revised Testimony and Exhibits filed by Avista Corporation, d/b/a Avista Utilities is granted.

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective June 11, 2012.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARGUERITE E. FRIEDLANDER
Administrative Law Judge