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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN
POSSIBLE EX PARTE COMMUNICATION
(Workshops in Docket UG-120715, June 21, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.
and
July 2, 2012, at 9:30 a.m.)**

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Avista Corporation, d/b/a Avista Utilities*, Dockets UE-120436 and UG-120437, and Dockets UE-110876 and UG-110877 (Second Phase) (*Consolidated*)

TO ALL PARTIES:

On May 18, 2012, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments and Notice of Workshops in Docket UG-120715. The Workshops, scheduled for June 21, 2012, and July 2, 2012, are intended to address natural gas pipeline replacement and potential cost recovery mechanisms.

The issues in Dockets UE-120436 and UG-120437 and Dockets UE-110876 and UG-110877 (Second Phase) (consolidated),¹ overlap, at least in part, with the issues to be discussed at the Workshops. The Workshops, therefore, may include ex parte communications in Dockets UE-120436, *et al.*, as such communications are defined in RCW 34.05.455(2) and WAC 480-07-310(1). As required by applicable law, therefore, the Commission is providing notice of the Workshops to the parties in Dockets UE-120436, *et al.*, to allow them the opportunity to participate in any ex parte communications conducted during the course of the Workshops.

¹ For the sake of brevity, these dockets collectively will be referred to as Dockets UE-120436, *et al.*

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the workshops in Docket UG-120715 scheduled on June 21, 2012, at 1:30 p.m., and July 2, 2012, at 9:30 a.m., may include a discussion related to the merits of the issues in Dockets UE-120436 and UG-120437 and Dockets UE-110876 and UG-110877 (Second Phase) (consolidated), and parties to those dockets may attend the workshop and participate in any such discussion.

Sincerely,

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Administrative Law Judge