

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	DOCKETS UE-080416
)	and UG-080417
Complainant,)	<i>(consolidated)</i>
)	
v.)	
)	
AVISTA CORPORATION d/b/a AVISTA UTILITIES,)	ANSWER OF AVISTA
)	CORPORATION TO PETITION
Respondent.)	FOR REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED
)	SCHEDULE
.....)	

1 COMES NOW Avista Corporation (hereafter “Avista” or “the Company”), pursuant to WAC 480-07-370, and responds to the Petition of the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (“ICNU”) and the Office of Public Counsel (“Public Counsel”) for review of the schedule established in Judge Clark’s Prehearing Conference Order (Order 06).

2 ICNU and Public Counsel, in their Petition, request that the Commissioners set the filing date for the Settling Parties’ rebuttal testimony for October 20, 2008—instead of October 27, 2008, as prescribed in the revised schedule. They contend that they are in need of additional time to review the rebuttal testimony, conduct discovery and prepare for hearing, noting that they filed their own reply testimony regarding the Settlement five (5) days early.


3 Avista, for its part, has been proceeding on the basis of the revised schedule set forth in Judge Clark’s Prehearing Conference Order (Order 06, supra) and has been working with two different independent consultants on their testimony with the October 27 prefiling date in mind. While Avista would object to moving the prefiling date to October 20, it would not object to October 22 as a revised prefiling date.¹ Accordingly, Avista would

¹ Avista requests that this filing be permitted to be done electronically on October 22, 2008, with electronic service on all parties on that date; filing and service of hard copies would follow on the next day.

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- 4 not object to filing its rebuttal testimony five (5) days earlier to accommodate the concerns of Public Counsel and ICNU.

Respectfully submitted this 14th day of
October, 2008.



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