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NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT HEARINGS
(Set for Thursday, September 27, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. – Spokane; and
Friday, September 28, 2012, at 12:00 p.m. (noon) – Spokane Valley)

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 THE PARTIES:

On April 2, 2012, Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities (Avista) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) 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 designed to provide a general rate increase for electric and gas service. 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 Commission entered Order 03/08, Prehearing Conference Order and Order Granting Request for Limited Consolidation of Dockets, consolidating Dockets UE-120436 and UG-120437 with the second phase of Dockets UE-110876 and UG-110877 involving decoupling issues.¹

Also in Order 03/08, the Commission stated that the time and place for public comment hearings would be determined at a later date. The Commission now establishes the time and place for public comment hearings to provide members of the public with an

¹ The dual order number is the result of consolidation.

opportunity to present oral comments to the Commission. The Commission will accept written comments until the record in this proceeding is closed.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That a public hearing in this matter will be held on Thursday, September 27, 2012, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., in the Spokane City Council Chambers, 808 W. Spokane Falls Boulevard, Spokane, Washington. The Commission will begin taking comments from members of the public at 6:00 p.m., ending no later than 7:30 p.m.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN That another public hearing in this matter will be held on Friday, September 28, 2012, from 12:00 p.m. (noon) to 1:30 p.m., in the Spokane Valley Council Chambers, 11707 E. Sprague Avenue, Spokane Valley, Washington. The Commission will begin taking comments from members of the public at 12:00 p.m. (noon), ending no later than 1:30 p.m.

MARGUERITE E. FRIEDLANDER
Administrative Law Judge