

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Complainant,

v.

AVISTA CORPORATION d/b/a AVISTA
UTILITIES

Respondent.

DOCKET NO. UE-080416

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(consolidated)

ANSWER OF COMMISSION
STAFF TO ICNU AND PUBLIC
COUNSEL'S PETITION FOR
REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED
SCHEDULE

1 ICNU and Public Counsel have filed a petition for review with the Commission requesting that the due date for rebuttal testimony in this docket be moved from October 27, 2008, the date scheduled by the Commission in Order 06 (Appendix A), to October 20, 2008. ICNU and Public Counsel contend that they need additional time to review the rebuttal testimony, conduct discovery, and prepare for the hearing. They also note that they filed their own response testimony regarding the Settlement on October 10, 2008, five days earlier than the currently scheduled date.


2 Commission Staff would object to moving the rebuttal testimony date to October 20, 2008. Staff has been simultaneously working extensively on both this rate case and another pending general rate case at this time, and has been operating on the assumption that its rebuttal testimony in this case would be due on October 27, 2008. However, Staff would be able to accommodate a rebuttal testimony date of October 22, 2008, which would afford ICNU and Public Counsel five more days to review the testimony than the schedule

currently allots. This also would maintain the same time interval (twelve days) between the dates when response and rebuttal testimony is filed, as was set in Order 06. Staff, therefore, does not object to a response testimony filing date of October 22, 2008.

DATED this 14th day of October, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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