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## Via Email and Overnight Mail

David Danner Executive Director & Secretary Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W. P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

> Re: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Avista Corporation

Docket Nos. UE-110876 and UG-110877 (Consolidated) Joint Notice Regarding Data Requests and Hearing Dates

Dear Mr. Danner:

Intervenor, Northwest Energy Coalition ("NWEC"), provides the following joint notice regarding data requests and proposed hearing dates on the decoupling issue in response to an inquiry from Judge Friedlander and after conferring with counsel for the parties to these proceedings.

The parties have conferred and agree that the response time for data requests served after the date of this notice and prior to any discovery cutoff that the Commission may establish shall be seven business days. NWEC will respond to the only currently outstanding data requests (from Staff) in accordance with the Commission's discovery rules.

The parties have conferred regarding the suggested dates for a hearing on the decoupling issue tentatively proposed by the Commission. All parties are available for a hearing on January 30 and 31, 2012. Counsel for NWEC is out of the country and not available for a hearing on February 27 and 28, 2012.

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If there are no other issues that cannot be resolved informally, there may be no need for the pre-hearing conference currently set for next week. If we do need that conference for some reason, counsel for Avista has indicated that he will be out of town and will need to participate by telephone. Others may likewise wish to participate by phone.

Sincerely,

Kristen L. Boyles

Amanda W. Goodin

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