

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of)	
)	DOCKET NO. UE-011597
AVISTA CORPORATION d/b/a)	
AVISTA UTILITIES)	NOTICE OF PREHEARING
)	CONFERENCE
For an Order Authorizing a Temporary)	(December 21, 2001)
Deferred Accounting Mechanism.)	
.....)	

- 1 On December 3, 2001, Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities (Avista) filed with the Commission a Petition requesting that the Commission issue an Order authorizing the deferral of certain power costs during the period January 1, 2002, through the effective date of the Commission’s Order in Avista’s general rate case, Docket No. UE-011595. A complete copy of the non-confidential portions of the Petition is available from the Commission upon request.

- 2 Hearing in this matter is being held pursuant to Part IV of chapter 34.05 RCW pertaining to adjudicative proceedings, including but not limited to RCW 34.05.413, RCW 34.05.422, RCW 34.05.440, RCW 34.05.449, and RCW 34.05.452. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Title 80 RCW, having legal authority to regulate the rates, services, and practices of electric utilities. Statutes involved, in addition to those previously cited, include those within chapters 80.01, 80.04 and 80.28 RCW relating to rates, including but not limited to RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04.020, RCW 80.28.020, RCW 80.28.030, RCW 80.28.070, RCW 80.28.090, and RCW 80.28.100. Rules involved include those within chapters 480-09 and 480-100 WAC. The ultimate issues include whether the proposed deferral of certain power costs is just, fair, reasonable, and sufficient and in the public interest. The issue as to the justness and reasonableness of the rates includes consideration of alternative rate design or structure. In accordance with the provisions of RCW 80.04.130, the burden of proof to show that the proposed general and interim tariff revisions are just and reasonable shall be upon the respondent.

- 3 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That in accordance with WAC 480-09-700(1)(a), the Commission has determined that good cause exists for this matter to be heard on shortened notice.

- 4 **NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN That a prehearing conference in this matter will be held at 9:30 a.m., on December 21, 2001, in the Commission’s Hearing Room, Second Floor, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.**

- 5 The purpose of the prehearing conference is to consider formulating the issues in the proceeding, and to determine other matters to aid in its disposition, as specified in WAC 480-09-460. Petitions to intervene should be made in writing prior to the hearing date or made orally at the hearing. The time and place for the evidentiary hearing will be set at the prehearing conference or by later written notice. Appearances will be taken.
- 6 If any party or witness needs an interpreter or other assistance, please fill out the form attached to this notice and return it to the Commission.
- 7 NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT ANY PARTY WHO FAILS TO ATTEND OR PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING SET BY THIS NOTICE, OR ANY OTHER STAGE OF THIS PROCEEDING, MAY BE HELD IN DEFAULT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RCW 34.05.440. THE PARTIES ARE FURTHER ADVISED THAT THE SANCTION PROVISIONS OF WAC 480-09-700(4) ARE SPECIFICALLY INVOKED.
- 8 The names and mailing addresses of all parties and their known representatives are as follows:

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- 9 Dennis Moss has been designated as the Administrative Law Judge from the Utilities and Transportation Commission's Administrative Law Division, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington 98504-7250, and will preside at the prehearing conference.
- 10 Notice of any other procedural phase will be given in writing or on the record as the Commission may deem appropriate during the course of this proceeding.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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December 17, 2001

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