

Agenda Date: September 13, 2012
Item Number: A4

Docket: UE-120791
Company: Avista Corporation

Staff: Eric Russell, Regulatory Analyst
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Recommendation

Issue an Order in Docket UE-120791 finding:

- (1) Under RCW 19.285.040(2)(a)(i) and WAC 480-109-020(1)(a), the 2012 renewable energy target for Avista Corporation is 166,047 megawatt-hours.
- (2) Avista Corporation has complied with the June 1, 2012 reporting requirements pursuant to WAC 480-109-040.
- (3) By January 1, 2012, Avista Corporation acquired eligible renewable resources to supply at least three percent of its load for the remainder of 2012, as required by RCW 19.285.040(2)(a)(i) and WAC 480-109-020(1)(a).
- (4) Avista Corporation must file a second report no later than June 1, 2014, that provides the information necessary to determine whether Avista met the January 1, 2012 target, including the specific megawatt-hours and/or renewable energy credits used to meet the target.

Discussion

On June 1, 2012, Avista initiated this docket by filing with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) a compliance report (RPS Report) under RCW 19.285.070 and WAC 480-109-040.

The commission considered the matter at its August 9, 2012, open meeting. The commission agreed that Avista has complied with the June 1, 2012 reporting requirements pursuant to WAC 480-109-040, and Avista must file a second report no later than June 1, 2014, that provides the information necessary to determine whether Avista met the January 1, 2012 target, including the specific megawatt-hours and/or renewable energy credits used to meet the target. The commission instructed staff to work with interested parties to draft the language for Order 01 in Docket UE-120791, to be formally considered by the commission at a future date.

Subsequent to the August 9, 2012, open meeting, staff drafted the order and provided opportunity for interested parties to comment. No parties expressed comments or opposition to the language incorporated into the proposed version of Order 01. All parties have agreed to the language. The Renewable Northwest Project and Northwest Energy Coalition did submit a letter to the commission on September 7, 2012, stating their support of the draft order and concern that the issue of reporting on progress made toward meeting the January 1 target for the next calendar year must still be addressed by staff.

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Conclusion

Staff recommends that the commission issue an Order in Docket UE-120791 as described in the recommendation section above.