

[Service Date November 14, 2008]

November 14, 2008

**NOTICE GRANTING REQUEST  
TO EXTEND DEADLINE FOR BENCH REQUEST RESPONSE  
(Deadline for Filing Response to Bench Request No. 4 Extended from  
November 14, 2008, to November 19, 2008)**

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Avista Utilities,*  
Dockets UE-080416 & UG-080417 (*consolidated*)

TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD:

On November 10, 2008, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered Notice of Bench Request No. 4. That Notice established a deadline of November 14, 2008, for Public Counsel and Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU) to file a response. On November 14, 2008, Public Counsel and ICNU filed a request for extension of time to respond to Bench Request No. 4 or, in the alternative, motion to accept late-filing. Public Counsel and ICNU asserted that the individual who needs to prepare the response is currently unavailable due to medical circumstances and requested that the deadline be extended until November 19, 2008. No party opposed the request for extension of time.

According to WAC 480-07-385(2), the Commission will grant a continuance if the requesting party demonstrates good cause for the continuance and the continuance will not prejudice any party or the Commission. Public Counsel and ICNU stated good cause for the continuance and granting the continuance should not prejudice any party or the Commission. Accordingly, the request should be granted.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That the deadline for filing a response to Bench Request No. 4 is extended from November 14, 2008, to November 19, 2008.**

Sincerely,

PATRICIA CLARK  
Administrative Law Judge