

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKET PG-082253
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	
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Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	ORDER GRANTING LEAVE TO
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AVISTA CORPORATION, d/b/a)	
AVISTA UTILITIES,)	
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Respondent.)	
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.....)	

MEMORANDUM

- 1 **PROCEEDINGS:** This is a complaint proceeding initiated by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) against Avista Corporation, d/b/a Avista Utilities (Avista) alleging that Avista committed various violations of statute and rules governing the operation of systems for transporting natural gas. The specific matters about which the Commission complains are set forth fully in the Complaint, issued on June 8, 2010. Avista filed an Answer on June 25, 2010.

- 2 The Commission convened a prehearing conference in this proceeding at Olympia, Washington on July 15, 2010, before Administrative Law Judge Marguerite E. Friedlander. At the prehearing conference, Roger Reyes and Cassandra McClure, two persons injured in the natural gas explosion that is the subject of the Complaint, petitioned the Commission to intervene. Their request was granted.¹

¹ Friedlander, TR 5:15-18.

- 3 On November 29, 2010, the Commission received a request from Mr. Reyes and Ms. McClure to withdraw from the case.² They indicate that they have resolved their issues with Avista.³ Pursuant to WAC 480-07-380(3), the Commission will grant a party's request to withdraw when doing so is in the public interest. Mr. Reyes and Ms. McClure have acknowledged that they no longer have a substantial interest in the proceeding. As such, their request is in the public interest and should be granted.

ORDER

- 4 THE COMMISSION ORDERS that Roger Reyes and Cassandra McClure are authorized to withdraw from their status as parties to this proceeding.

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective December 1, 2010.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARGUERITE E. FRIEDLANDER
Administrative Law Judge

² November 23, 2010, letter filed by Mr. Tom G. Cordell, attorney representing Mr. Reyes and Ms. McClure.

³ *Id.*