

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Application of)	DOCKETS UE-140262 and UG-
)	140263
AVISTA CORPORATION,)	
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Petitioner,)	
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For an Order Establishing Compliance)	
with the Provisions of RCW 80.08.040,)	
with Respect to its Proposal to issue up to)	ORDER ESTABLISHING
\$500,000,000 of securities in connection)	COMPLIANCE WITH
with a credit facility.)	RCW 80.08.040, SECURITIES
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 On February 18, 2014, Avista Corporation (Avista or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) an application for an order affirming that amendment, amendment and restatement, or replacement of a credit facility of up to \$500,000,000, the issuance of securities in connection therewith, and any refunding, extension, renewal or replacement of any of the foregoing are in compliance with the requirements of RCW 80.08.040.

- 2 According to Avista’s application and supporting documents, the proceeds of the financing are for one or more of the purposes allowed by RCW 80.08.030. The notice contains the statement of an officer explaining why the Company’s decision to issue this particular security is in the public interest.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 3 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate the rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, transfers of property and affiliated interests of public service companies, including electric and natural gas companies. RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04, RCW 80.08, RCW 80.12, RCW 80.16 and RCW 80.28.

- 4 (2) Avista is engaged in the business of providing electric and natural gas service within the state of Washington. As a public service company, it is subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 5 (3) The application Avista filed meets the requirements of RCW 80.08 which concern the issuance of securities by public service companies.
- 6 (4) The information Avista filed in this docket contains: (a) a certification by an authorized officer that the proceeds will be used for one or more purposes allowed by RCW 80.08.030; (b) a description of the proposed issuance, including the terms of financing, and (c) a statement as to why the proposed in the public interest. See WAC 480-100-242 and WAC 480-90-242.
- 7 (5) After reviewing the information and application Avista filed in Docket UE-140262 and UG-140263 on February 18, 2014, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that Avista is in compliance with RCW 80.08.040.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 8 (1) AVISTA CORPORATION has complied with the requirements of RCW 80.08.040 with respect to the proposal in its application to amend, or amend and restate, or replace its current credit facility with a credit facility of up to \$500,000,000 in aggregate principal amount at any time outstanding with a term of up to 5 years, subject to extensions not to exceed two additional years, and in connection therewith to offer, issue and sell certain secured or unsecured bonds (including First Mortgage Bonds issued under Avista Corporation Mortgage and Deed of Trust, dated June 1, 1939, as amended and supplemented), notes and other evidences of indebtedness, including, without limitation, assumption of any obligation or liability as guarantor, endorser, surety or otherwise in respect of such securities, for the purposes described in this application, with continuing authority to refund, extend, renew or replace the same without further order of the Commission.

- 9 (2) Avista Corporation is directed to file a Report of Securities Issued as required by WAC 480-100-262 and WAC 480-90-262. Avista Corporation is also required to file verified copies of any agreement entered into in connection with any transaction pursuant to this Order. Finally, Avista Corporation shall file a verified statement setting forth in reasonable detail the disposition of the proceeds of each offering made pursuant to this Order.
- 10 (3) This Order shall in no way affect the authority of the Commission over rates, services, accounts, valuations, estimates, or determination of costs, or any matters that may come before it. Nor shall anything in this Order be construed as an agreement to any estimate or determination of costs, or any valuation of property claimed or asserted.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective March 13, 2014.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

STEVEN V. KING, Executive Director and Secretary