

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

AVISTA CORPORATION, d/b/a
AVISTA UTILITIES,

Respondent.

DOCKETS UE-170485 and
UG-170486 (*Consolidated*)

ORDER 04

GRANTING MOTION FOR LEAVE
TO SUBMIT SUPPLEMENTAL
DIRECT TESTIMONY

MEMORANDUM

- 1 On May 26, 2017, Avista Corporation, d/b/a Avista Utilities (Avista or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-28, Electric Service, in Docket UE-170485 and revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-29, Natural Gas, in Docket UE-170486.
- 2 Avista proposes a three-year rate plan effective May 1, 2018, through April 30, 2021. For the first year of the Rate Plan, Avista proposes an overall increase in electric base revenues of \$61.4 million, or 12.5 percent, and an overall increase in natural gas base revenues of \$8.3 million, or 9.3 percent. For the second year of the proposed Rate Plan, Avista proposes an increase in electric revenues of \$14 million, or 2.4 percent, and an increase in natural gas billed revenues of \$4.2 million, or 2.6 percent. For the third year of the Rate Plan, Avista proposes an additional electric increase of \$14.4 million, or 2.5 percent, and an additional natural gas billed revenue increase of \$4.4 million, or 2.7 percent.
- 3 On July 5, 2017, the Commission entered Order 03, Prehearing Conference Order, Notice of Hearing (Order 03), which established a procedural schedule for filing of testimony and set this matter for hearing beginning January 16, 2018.
- 4 On August 11, 2017, Avista filed a Motion for Leave to Submit Supplemental Testimony (Motion). The Motion includes the supplemental direct testimony of company witness Clint Kalich, which addresses certain power supply issues. Mr. Kalich's original direct testimony was filed on May 26, 2017, concurrent with the tariff filing.

5 In its Motion, Avista explains that Commission staff (Staff) requested additional, specific information concerning Avista's power supply adjustment, and the parties agreed to address these issues through supplemental testimony. Avista contends that since Staff and intervenors have until October 27, 2017, to file initial response testimony, the procedural schedule need not be adjusted.

6 Staff was the only party to respond within the required timeframe. In its response, Staff supports the Motion, but suggests that the existing procedural schedule may not provide adequate time to review Avista's power cost case. Nonetheless, Staff makes no request to modify the procedural schedule at this time.

7 The Commission determines that, in light of Staff's agreement and the absence of an objection by any other party, Avista's Motion should be granted.

ORDER

8 The Commission grants the Motion for Leave to Submit Supplemental Direct Testimony filed by Avista Corporation, d/b/a Avista Utilities.

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective August 24, 2017.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

RAYNE PEARSON
Administrative Law Judge