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October 25, 2017

**NOTICE AMENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

**And**

**NOTICE REQUIRING FILING OF SETTLEMENT DOCUMENTS**  
**(By November 1, 2017)**

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Avista Corporation,*  
Consolidated Dockets UE-170485 and UG-170486

TO ALL PARTIES:

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.

On July 5, 2017, the Commission entered Order 03, which established a procedural schedule for filing testimony and set this matter for hearing beginning January 16, 2018. Order 03 requires Commission staff (Staff) and intervenors to file responsive testimony by October 27, 2017.

On October 24, 2017, Staff filed a letter notifying the Commission that a multi-party partial settlement has been reached by Avista, Staff, Public Counsel, Northwest Industrial Gas Users, and The Energy Project (Settling Parties) on the issues of cost of service, rate spread, and rate design. The Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU) has not joined the settlement. The Settling Parties intend to file a settlement agreement, memorandum, and individual testimony in support of the settlement on Wednesday, November 1, 2017. Staff notes that all parties agree that ICNU should be allowed to file its responsive testimony addressing the limited issues of cost of service, rate spread, and rate design concurrent with the settlement filing on November 1. Staff further notes that no party will address cost of service, rate spread, or rate design issues in responsive testimony filed on October 27.

Based on the parties' agreement, the Commission finds good cause to amend the procedural schedule to allow ICNU to file responsive testimony on the limited issues of cost of service, rate spread, and rate design concurrent with the settlement filing on November 1, 2017. The Commission requires the Settling Parties to file a settlement agreement, memorandum, and individual testimony in support of the settlement no later than the close of business on Wednesday, November 1, 2017.

**THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities may file responsive testimony addressing the issues cost of service, rate spread, and rate design no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 1, 2017.**

**THE COMMISSION GIVES FURTHER NOTICE That the Settling Parties must file a settlement agreement, memorandum, and individual testimony in support of the settlement no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 1, 2017.**

RAYNE PEARSON  
Administrative Law Judge