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RE: In the Matter of the Petition of AVISTA CORPORATION, D/B/A AVISTA UTILITIES, For an Order Approving Avista's Update of its Base Power Supply and Transmission Costs
Docket No. UE-061411

Dear Ms. Washburn:

The deadline for Public Counsel and other interested parties to report back to Judge Wallis with a proposed time and place for a public hearing was extended from October 27, 2006, to November 3, 2006. Accordingly, Public Counsel submits the following report for consideration.

As to the timing of the public hearing, all of the parties agree that the week of January 29 (except the 26th) and the week of February 5 are acceptable. Additionally, the ALJ Division has informed us that all three Commissioners are available on these dates. However, since there is an Open Meeting on February 7, the public hearing should not be held on February 6 or 7, if possible.

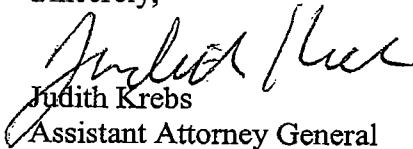
With regard to the location of the public hearing, the parties agreed to three possible options. In the past the Commission has used the Ramada Inn-Spokane Airport. In addition to this location, other options acceptable to the parties are the Doubletree Hotel



and the Red Lion Hotel. Both of these are downtown and may have better parking.

Please let me know if I can provide any additional information. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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