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**NOTICE SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE
(for Wednesday, September 23, 2009, at 11:00 a.m.)**

RE: *WUTC v. Avista Corporation – General Rate Case*
Dockets UE-090134, UG-090135, and UG-060518 (*consolidated*)

TO ALL PARTIES:

On February 27, 2009, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered *Order 02 – Prehearing Conference Order*, in this matter. Order 02 set out the procedural schedule for this docket, including an evidentiary hearing set to commence on Monday, October 5, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

On September 4, 2009, the parties filed a Partial Settlement Stipulation indicating a resolution of certain issues raised in these dockets, to include cost of capital, power supply, rate spread and rate design, and low-income ratepayer assistance. The parties pledged to file joint testimony in support of their agreement on or before September 17, 2009. In light of these events, counsel for Avista Corporation requested a prehearing conference to discuss procedures for the October evidentiary hearing, to include refining dates and clarifying the need for certain witnesses to appear.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that a prehearing conference in this matter will be held on September 23, 2009, beginning at 11:00 a.m., in Room 108, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington. The purpose of this prehearing conference is to discuss the impact of the recently filed Partial Settlement Stipulation on the existing procedural schedule. In addition, the parties should be prepared to talk about the order of presentation of witnesses, the filing deadline for cross-examination exhibits, cross-examination estimates for any witnesses they wish to examine, and the need to adjust the schedule for the evidentiary hearing, if any. If parties have additional procedural matters of concern, please share them via e-mail in advance of the prehearing conference so that they may be added to the list of discussion topics.

Given the agenda for this conference, parties outside the Olympia area are encouraged attend via the Commission's teleconference bridge line, **360-664-3846**. Please appear on the teleconference bridge five minutes before the conference is scheduled to begin.

Sincerely,

ADAM E. TOREM
Administrative Law Judge