**BEFORE THE**

**WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND )

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION ) DOCKET UE-151148

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Complainant, )

)

v. ) JOINT MOTION FOR AN ORDER

) APPROVING MULTIPARTY

AVISTA CORPORATION d/b/a ) SETTLEMENT STIPULATION

AVISTA UTILITIES )

Respondent. )

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Comes now, Avista Corporation (“Avista” or the “Company”), the Staff of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (“Staff”), and the Public Counsel Section of the Washington Office of Attorney General (“Public Counsel”) (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Parties”), and respectfully move the Commission for an Order approving the Multiparty Settlement Stipulation filed herewith.[[1]](#footnote-1) This Joint Motion is based on the following:

1. Representatives of all parties who have intervened participated in Settlement Conferences, via telephone and email, during September and October, 2015, for the purpose of narrowing or resolving the contested issues in this proceeding. Those discussions led to this Multiparty Settlement Stipulation.

2. On October 29, 2015, the Parties filed with the Commission a Multiparty Settlement Stipulation (attached as Appendix A to this Joint Motion). This Multiparty Settlement Stipulation, if approved, would resolve all of the issues in this docket. The Parties agree that the Multiparty Settlement Stipulation is in the public interest and should be accepted by the Commission as a resolution of the issues identified in Order 01 and Public Counsel’s comments dated July 27, 2015. The Parties, therefore, request that the Multiparty Settlement Stipulation be approved as a fair resolution of certain issues, as being in the public interest, and without change or modification.

3. In the event that the Commission should reject the Multiparty Settlement Stipulation, or materially modify it in ways unacceptable to the Parties, the Parties request that a prehearing conference immediately be convened to establish any appropriate modifications to the procedural schedule.

Entered into this \_\_\_\_\_\_day of October, 2015.

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1. The only other party to these proceedings is the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities who does not oppose the Settlement. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)