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**NOTICE SUSPENDING REMAINDER OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE
(Position Statements Regarding Oral Hearing/Hearing on Written Record
due by January 17, 2007)**

RE: *In the Matter of the Application of AVISTA CORPORATION, D/B/A AVISTA UTILITIES, For an Order Approving a Corporation Reorganization to Create a Holding Company, AVA Formation Corp.*
Docket U-060273

TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD:

On January 5, 2007, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) received a multiparty Settlement Stipulation (Settlement) and request to suspend the existing procedural schedule and schedule hearing dates to review the proposed settlement. The multiparty Settlement and requests were filed by Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities (Avista), the Commission's regulatory staff (Commission Staff), and Public Counsel. Two parties to the proceeding, Industrial Customers of the Northwest Utilities (ICNU) and the Northwest Industrial Gas Users (NWIGU) are not signatories to the Settlement and neither support nor oppose the Settlement.

The request to suspend the procedural schedule is reasonable and should be granted. While the parties request that the Commission approve the Settlement as soon as practical, but no later than July 31, 2007, there are impending deadlines in the current procedural schedule. Specifically, the deadline for the submission of Staff and Intervenor prefiled responsive testimony is January 19, 2007.

The Commission is reviewing the Settlement and will determine, by subsequent decision, whether to schedule an oral hearing to review the Settlement or conduct the review on the written record in this proceeding.¹

¹ WAC 480-07-740.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That the request to suspend the remainder of the procedural schedule is granted and the deadline for filing a position statement regarding the issue of convening an oral hearing or a hearing on the written record to review the Settlement is January 17, 2007.

Sincerely,

PATRICIA CLARK
Administrative Law Judge