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December 14, 2018

NOTICE AMENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

RE: *In the Matter of the Petition of Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities for an Order Authorizing the company to Revise its Electric and Natural Gas Book Depreciation Rates and Authorizing Deferred Accounting Treatment for the difference in Depreciation Expense, Dockets UE-180167 and UG-180168 (Consolidated)*

TO ALL PARTIES:

On February 22, 2018, Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities (Avista or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a petition requesting approval of a proposed change to its electric book depreciation rates and authorizing deferred accounting treatment for the difference in depreciation expense (Docket UE-180167). Avista also filed with the Commission a petition requesting approval of a proposed change to its natural gas book depreciation rates and authorizing deferred accounting treatment for the difference in depreciation expense (Docket UG-180168) (collectively, Petitions). On August 22, 2018, Avista filed amended petitions in both dockets, withdrawing its request that the difference between depreciation expense under current book depreciation rates and depreciation expense under the updated depreciation rates be deferred.

On December 12, 2018, the Commission convened a prehearing conference in this Docket, and on December 13, 2018, entered Order 01, Order of Consolidation; Prehearing Conference Order; Notice of Hearing (Order 01). Order 01 adopted a procedural schedule that had been agreed upon at the prehearing conference.

On December 14, 2018, Commission staff (Staff) filed a letter offering an amended agreed procedural schedule, with corrections as follows:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Original Schedule</u>	<u>Amended Schedule</u>
Staff, Public Counsel, and Intervenor Response Testimony and Exhibits	April 19, 2019	March 29, 2019
Staff, Public Counsel, and Intervenor Cross-Answering Testimony and Exhibits		April 19, 2019
Simultaneous Post-Hearing Briefs	March 22, 2019	May 24, 2019

Based on the parties' agreement and errors in the original schedule, the Commission finds good cause to amend the procedural schedule as requested, and as attached to this notice as Appendix A.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That the procedural schedule in Dockets UE-180167 and UG-180168 is amended as described above and in Appendix A.

ANDREW J. O'CONNELL
Administrative Law Judge

**APPENDIX A
AMENDED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE
DOCKETS UE-180167 and UG-180168**

EVENT	DATE
Avista Petition	February 22, 2018
Avista Amended Petition	August 22, 2018
Avista Request for Adjudicative Proceeding	November 30, 2018
Prehearing Conference	December 12, 2018
Prehearing Conference Order (Order 01) ¹	December 13, 2018
Initial Settlement Conference	January 16, 2019
Avista Testimony ²	February 7, 2019
Second Settlement Conference	February 26, 2019
Staff, Public Counsel, and Intervenor Response Testimony and Exhibits	March 29, 2019
Avista Rebuttal Testimony and Exhibits; Staff, Public Counsel, and Intervenor Cross-Answering Testimony and Exhibits ³	April 19, 2019
Discovery Deadline – Last Day to Issue Data Requests	April 23, 2019
Cross-Examination Exhibits, Witness Lists, and Time Estimates	April 29, 2019
Evidentiary Hearing	May 6, 2019, at 9 a.m.
Simultaneous Post-Hearing Briefs	May 24, 2019

¹ Response time to data requests will be 7 business days.

² Response time to data requests will be 5 business days. Workpapers must be filed simultaneously with testimony.

³ Response time to data requests will be 3 business days. Workpapers must be filed simultaneously with testimony.