BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND) DOCKETS UE-120436 and
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,) UG-120437 (Consolidated)
Complainant,))
v.)
AVISTA CORPORATION d/b/a AVISTA UTILITIES,)))
Respondent.)
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,) DOCKETS UE-110876 and) UG-110877 (Consolidated)
Complainant, v.) JOINT MOTION FOR AN ORDER) APPROVING MULTIPARTY) SETTLEMENT STIPULATION
AVISTA CORPORATION d/b/a AVISTA UTILITIES,)))
Respondent.))

Come now, Avista Corporation, ("Avista" or the "Company"), the Staff of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission ("Staff"), Northwest Industrial Gas Users ("NWIGU"), Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities ("ICNU"), and The Energy Project, (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Settling Parties"), and respectfully move the

Commission for an Order approving the Multiparty Settlement Stipulation filed herewith¹. This Joint Motion is based on the following:

- 1. On October 19, 2012, coincident with this Joint Motion, the Settling Parties filed with the Commission a Multiparty Settlement Stipulation (attached as an appendix to this Joint Motion), accompanied by Joint Testimony in support thereof. This Multiparty Settlement Stipulation, if approved, would resolve all issues in these proceedings.
- 2. Integral to the Settlement, as a negotiated element, is a proposed effective date for revised tariffs of January 1, 2013.
- 3. In a Prehearing Conference convened on October 15, 2012, the Settling Parties requested a schedule by which the Commission would review the Settlement Agreement, and on October 18, 2012, the Commission issued its Prehearing Conference Order and Revised Notice of Hearing, establishing a revised procedural schedule and setting an evidentiary hearing for November 29-30, 2012.
- 4. For the reasons set forth in Joint Testimony in support of the Settlement, the Settling Parties request that the Multiparty Settlement Stipulation be approved as a fair resolution of all issues, as being in the public interest, and without change or modification.
- 5. In the event that the Commission should reject the Settlement Stipulation, or materially modify it in ways unacceptable to the Settling Parties, the Settling Parties request that a prehearing conference immediately be convened to establish a schedule for the litigation of unresolved matters in these dockets.

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¹ These identified parties consist of all parties who have intervened and participated in the above dockets, with the exception of the Public Counsel Section of the Washington Office of Attorney General ("Public Counsel") and the NW Energy Coalition ("NWEC" and/or the "Coalition"). The Coalition, although not a party to the Settlement Stipulation, has indicated that it does not intend to oppose the Settlement but reserves the right to request continued litigation of the electric decoupling issue in these consolidated dockets. They do not oppose the implementation of settlement rates, however, beginning on January 1, 2013.

Entered into this 19 day of October, 2012.

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