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**NOTICE OF BENCH REQUEST  
(Due by Friday, January 22, 2016)**

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities*, Docket UE-151148

Please respond to the following bench requests no later than **Friday, January 22, 2016**.

**Bench Request No. 1**

**TO: Settling Parties (Avista, Staff, and Public Counsel)**

At its July 30, 2015, Open Meeting, the Commission raised concerns regarding issues that are not addressed in the October 29, 2015, Settlement. Pursuant to WAC 480-07-740(2)(a) and (b), please provide testimony describing how the Settlement is in the public interest, consistent with the law, and is appropriate for adoption, including but not limited to:

1. What has Avista done to improve the management of its demand side management (DSM) program since July 2015?
2. What has Avista done to improve its system(s) for monitoring DSM spending levels and conservation acquisition since July 2015?
3. What procedures are now in place to ensure that Avista's DSM staff will become aware of complications regarding ongoing programs in a timely manner?
4. With regard to questioning from the bench of Mr. Dan Jones, what has the management of Avista's DSM program done since July 2015 to become familiar with WAC 480-109 and the Commission's standard practice regarding the use of conservation advisory groups?
5. What has Avista done to improve communication with its conservation advisory group since July 2015?

**Bench Request No. 2**

**TO: Staff and Public Counsel**

1. As members of the conservation advisory group (CAG), is Avista's system for monitoring DSM spending levels and conservation acquisition robust enough to meet the Commission's public interest standard?
  
2. As members of the CAG, is Avista now proactively bringing updates, concerns, problems, major budget adjustments, and potential program changes to the CAG's attention in a timely manner?

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Administrative Law Judge

cc: All Parties