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December 19, 2006

Carole J. Washburn, Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW
P. O. Box 47250
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

Re: *WUTC v. Avista Corporation*
Docket UE-061411

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket are the original and 8 copies of the Answer of Commission Staff to Motion for Extension of Time, and Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,

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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of

AVISTA CORPORATION, D/B/A
AVISTA UTILITIES,

For an Order Approving Avista's Update of
its Base Power Supply and Transmission
Costs.

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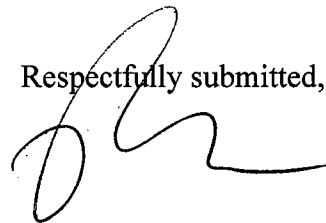
ANSWER OF COMMISSION
STAFF TO MOTION FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME

1 On December 14, 2006, the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities and the Public Counsel Section of the Attorney General's Office (collectively, "the Moving Parties") requested a two month extension for each phase of the procedural schedule in this case. Granting their request would move the pre-filing of response testimony from January 12, 2007 to March 12, 2007. Evidentiary hearings would move from February 12-15, 2007 to April 11-13, 2007.

2 Commission Staff takes no position on the motion. It is prepared to present its case under the existing schedule or the amended schedule proposed by the Moving Parties.¹

DATED this 19th day of December, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,



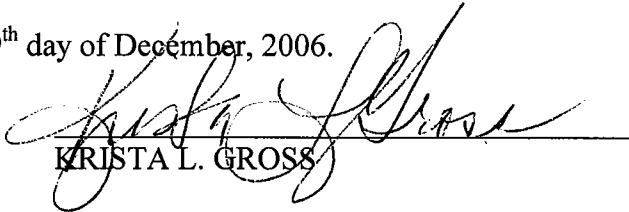
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¹ Staff understands the Moving Parties to request nothing more or less than a full two month extension of the schedule. The Commission should either grant the request in its entirety or deny the request in its entirety. An extension of less than two months may create a conflict for Staff analysts working on this filing and PacifiCorp's general rate case in Docket No. UE-061546, which calls for pre-filing of response testimony on February 16, 2007 and evidentiary hearings from March 27-30, 2007.

Docket UE-061411
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the Answer of Commission Staff to Motion for Extension of Time upon the persons and entities listed on the Service List below via Federal, addressed as shown on said Service List.

DATED at Olympia, Washington this 19th day of December, 2006.



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