

BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND	)	DOCKET NO. UE-120436
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,	)	DOCKET NO. UG-120437
	)	DOCKET NO. UE-110876
Complainant,	)	DOCKET NO. UG-110877
)	
v.	)	INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS OF
	)	NORTHWEST UTILITIES' RESPONSE
AVISTA CORPORATION, d/b/a/	)	TO NORTHWEST ENERGY
AVISTA UTILITIES,	)	COALITION'S MOTION TO
	)	WITHDRAW DECOUPLING
Respondent.	)	PROPOSAL

I. INTRODUCTION

1 Pursuant to WAC § 480-07-375(4) and the Commission's Notice of Opportunity to Respond, dated November 9, 2012, the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities ("ICNU") hereby responds to Northwest Energy Coalition's ("NVEC") Motion to Withdraw its Decoupling Proposal, and respectfully asks the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission ("WUTC" or the "Commission") to grant NVEC's Motion.

II. BACKGROUND

2 On May 4, 2012, the Commission consolidated the decoupling phase of Dockets UE-110876 and UG-110877 with the Avista Corporation's ("Avista") general rate case filings in Docket Nos. UE-120436 and UG-120437.^{1/} Subsequently, NVEC's decoupling proposal has been considered in these dockets parallel to the general rate case issues. On October 19, 2012, all parties to the docket with the exception of NVEC and Public Counsel filed a settlement

stipulation that provided, among other things, that Avista and the other settling parties would not support a decoupling proposal in these dockets.^{2/}

III. ARGUMENT

3 NWEC states that the Commission “will not impose decoupling over a company’s objection,” and so moves the Commission to withdraw its decoupling proposal on the basis of Avista’s commitment not to support it.^{3/} NWEC’s motion also disputes and mischaracterizes the evidence submitted by ICNU in support of the settlement stipulation and its agreement not to support decoupling in these dockets.^{4/} ICNU disputes the arguments and claims made by NWEC regarding ICNU’s testimony, but nonetheless does not oppose NWEC’s motion to withdraw its decoupling proposal.

IV. CONCLUSION

4 WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated above, ICNU respectfully asks that the Commission grant NWEC’s Motion to withdraw its decoupling proposal.

Dated in Portland, Oregon, this 16th day of November, 2012.

^{1/} WUTC v. Avista, Docket No. UE-120436 et al., Order Number 3 (May 4, 2012).

^{2/} Multiparty Settlement Stipulation at ¶ 14.

^{3/} NWEC Motion to Withdraw at ¶ 3.

^{4/} Id. ¶¶ 4-8.

Respectfully submitted,

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