ISSUED: December 11, 2006

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM 1282

In the Matter of	)	
	)	PREHEARING CONFERENCE
THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF	)	MEMORANDUM
OREGON	)	
	)	
An Investigation pursuant to ORS 757.210 and	)	
ORS 757.215 to examine Avista Corp.,	)	
dba Avista Utilities' gas purchasing strategy.	)	

DISPOSITION: PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE ADOPTED;
PETITION TO INTERVENE GRANTED

On December 8, 2006, a prehearing conference was held in this docket. Representatives appeared on behalf of Avista Corp., dba Avista Utilities (Avista), Northwest Industrial Gas Users (NWIGU), and the Public Utility Commission of Oregon Staff (Staff).

At the conference, the following procedural schedule was adopted:

Event	Date
Petitions to Intervene due	December 22, 2006
Settlement Conference	January 4, 2007
Avista Testimony due	February 26, 2007
Staff Testimony due	April 9, 2007
Intervenor Testimony due	April 16, 2007
Avista Rebuttal Testimony due	April 30, 2007
Staff/Intervenor Surrebuttal Testimony (if necessary)	May 14, 2007
Hearing	May 23-25, 2007

NWIGU filed a petition to intervene on the day of the prehearing conference. I find that NWIGU has sufficient interest in the proceeding, and that its appearance and participation will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or unreasonably delay the proceeding. *See* OAR 860-012-0001. Accordingly, the petition to intervene is granted.

Dated this 11th day of December, 2006.

Allen Scott
Administrative Law Judge