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## VIA ELECTRONIC AND U.S. MAIL

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**Re: UM 1633 – In the Matter of OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION, Investigation  
into Treatment of Pension Costs in Utility Rates**

Attention Filing Center:

Enclosed for filing in docket UM 1633 are an original and one copy of the Joint Utilities' Motion to Suspend Schedule. A copy of this filing has been served on all parties to this proceeding as indicated on the attached certificate of service.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures

cc: Service List

1                                   **BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**  
2                                   **OF OREGON**

3                                   **UM 1633**

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5 In the Matter of  
6 PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF  
7 OREGON,  
8 Investigation into Treatment of Pension Costs  
in Utility Rates.

**JOINT UTILITIES’**  
                                  **MOTION TO SUSPEND SCHEDULE**  
  
                                  **EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION**  
                                  **REQUESTED**

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10           Pursuant to OAR 860-001-0420(1) and (7) Avista Corporation, Cascade Natural Gas  
11 Corporation, Northwest Natural Gas Company (“NW Natural”), PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power,  
12 and Portland General Electric Company (collectively, the “Joint Utilities”) request that the  
13 procedural schedule in this case be temporarily suspended to allow the parties to agree to a  
14 modified procedural schedule for the remainder of this docket.

15           The Joint Utilities request expedited consideration of this motion. Consistent with OAR  
16 860-001-0420(1) and (7) the Joint Utilities have conferred with all of the parties (“the Parties”)  
17 to this case and the Parties support this motion.<sup>1</sup>

18           The current procedural schedule requires the Joint Utilities to file rebuttal testimony  
19 and for Staff and Intervenors to file cross-answering testimony on Thursday, January 23,  
20 2014. Due to the press of business and to allow the parties sufficient time to develop a more  
21 robust evidentiary record, the Parties have agreed to amend the procedural schedule to allow  
22 additional time before the filing of rebuttal and cross-answering testimony. The Parties have  
23 not yet agreed upon dates for the remainder of the procedural schedule. The Parties support  
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25 <sup>1</sup> The Parties are Staff, the Joint Utilities, Idaho Power Company, the Industrial Customers of Northwest  
26 Utilities, the Northwest Industrial Gas Users, and the Citizens’ Utility Board of Oregon.

1 a temporary suspension of the procedural schedule to allow for the parties to reach  
2 agreement on the remainder of the schedule and present that agreement to the Administrative  
3 Law Judge for approval.

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1 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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