## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

## **OF OREGON**

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| In the Matter of                          |       |
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| AVISTA CORPORATION, dba AVISTA UTILITIES, | ORDER |
| SB 408 Tax Report for Calendar Year 2007  |       |

DISPOSITION: TARIFF SHEETS SUSPENDED

In Order No. 09-125, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) ordered Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities (Avista), to file tariff sheets establishing an automatic adjustment clause to refund to its customers \$1.98 million, plus interest, to comply with ORS 757.268. Avista filed compliance tariff sheets on April 30, 2009, in Advice No. 09-02-G, to be effective June 1, 2009.

On May 5, 2009, Avista filed a request under ORS 757.268 and OAR 860-022-0041(10) to terminate the automatic adjustment clause, claiming that implementing the refund would violate the "fair and reasonable" rate standard in ORS 756.040. The Commission finds good and sufficient cause exists to investigate the reasonableness of the tariff sheets under ORS 757.210 and 757.215. The tariff sheets should therefore be suspended pending that investigation.

IT IS ORDERED that Advice No. 09-02-G filed by Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities, is suspended for six months from June 1, 2009, the proposed effective date of the tariff sheets.

Made, entered, and effective MAY 0 8 2009

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Chairman

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Commissioner

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