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

4 **UG 389**

5 In the Matter of

6 AVISTA CORPORATION, dba AVISTA  
7 UTILITIES

8 Request for a General Rate Revision

MOTION TO MODIFY PORTIONS OF  
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

9 All parties to this docket have reached a settlement-in-principle, resolving among  
10 themselves all remaining issues except for the treatment of working capital. Avista Corporation  
11 (hereinafter “Avista” or the Company”), hereby moves to modify the procedural schedule,  
12 pursuant to OAR 860-001-0420, to allow all parties the opportunity to file a “Second Partial  
13 Settlement Stipulation” and supporting testimony, with respect to this settlement-in-  
14 principle. Counsel for Avista has conferred with all parties, who have indicated their support of  
15 this Motion.  
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17 Only the issue of the treatment of working capital remains to be resolve in this docket.<sup>1</sup>  
18 (Previously, the parties filed a Partial Settlement Stipulation on cost-of capital.) The existing  
19 procedural schedule should remain intact for the purpose of resolving the remaining issue of  
20 working capital. This calls for the Company to file testimony on that issue on August 18, 2020,  
21 with the opportunity for Staff and other parties to file their reply on September 11,  
22 2020. Accordingly, only the issue of working capital remains as a contested issue for purposes of  
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26 <sup>1</sup> Staff recommended in its prefiled testimony (Gardner, Staff/100, pp. 8-11), that, if the Company wanted to include the entirety of its working capital in rates, it provide supplemental testimony in support thereof. This the Company plans on doing on or before August 18, 2020, the date presently set aside for Avista’s Reply Testimony. The parties will then arrange among themselves an informal workshop on this issue, before Staff and intervenors are to file their Rebuttal Testimony on September 11, 2020. This would followed by any surrebuttal testimony (if necessary) by the Company on October 1, 2020, leading up to the schedule hearing on October 13, 2020.

1 hearing on October 13, 2020. The existing procedural schedule will accommodate the resolution  
2 of this remaining issue.  
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4 As for the settlement-in-principle of all remaining issues, the parties propose to file a Second  
5 Partial Settlement Stipulation on or before August 13, 2020, with supporting testimony to be filed  
6 on or before August 24, 2020. That Stipulation would then be taken up by the Commission on the  
7 October 13, 2020, hearing date, along with the issue of working capital (should it still remain  
8 contested). Avista requests a partial waiver of OAR 860-001-0350(7) because the Second Partial  
9 Settlement Stipulation and supporting testimony will not be filed on the same date. Finally, in the  
10 event that the Stipulation and supporting testimony cannot be filed on the dates specified, the  
11 parties will provide a status report.  
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13 WHEREFORE, Avista requests (with the concurrence of the parties) that the existing  
14 procedural schedule be modified to reflect the additional filing dates with respect to the Second  
15 Partial Settlement Stipulation and accompanying testimony. The January 15, 2021 effective date  
16 for new rates should still allow, we believe, sufficient time for resolving all matters in this docket.  
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18 DATED this 5th day of August 2020.

19 AVISTA CORPORATION

20 By: /s/ David J. Meyer  
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