

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

3 **UM 2277**

4 In the Matter of

5 AVISTA CORPORATION, dba AVISTA
6 UTILITIES,

7 Request for Authority to Revise Natural Gas
8 Book Depreciation Rates and Deferred
9 Accounting.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Expedited Consideration Requested

9 Pursuant to OAR 860-001-0420(2) and OAR 860-001-0420(6), Staff of the Public Utility
10 Commission of Oregon (Staff) asks that the Administrative Law Judge issue a ruling suspending
11 the procedural schedule in this docket to allow an opportunity for the parties to finalize and
12 execute a stipulation and to file it with supporting joint testimony. Following a settlement
13 conference on May 25, 2023, all parties to this proceeding, including Avista Corporation
14 (Avista), Staff, and the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers (AWEC) reached a settlement in
15 principle on all issues in this case.

16 Staff requests expedited consideration of this motion, as Staff and AWEC are currently
17 scheduled to file opening testimony on June 9, 2023.

18 Because a settlement in principle has been reached, Staff requests that the remaining
19 schedule in this case be suspended. The parties plan to file a stipulation and supporting joint
20 testimony by June 22, 2023. Counsel for Staff has conferred with Avista and AWEC regarding
21 this motion, both of which support this motion. Because no other parties have intervened, Staff
22 believes no time for filing responses to this motion is necessary.

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