

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 2277

In the Matter of

AVISTA CORPORATION, dba
AVISTA UTILITIES,

Requesting Authority to Revise its
Natural Gas Book Depreciation Rates
and Deferred Accounting.

MEMORANDUM REGARDING
PROPOSED SCHEDULE

On March 16, 2023, Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon filed a motion to establish a procedural schedule for these proceedings. Staff included a proposed schedule and stated that the other parties, Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities, and the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers, supported the motion. The proposed schedule includes a target date of September 15, 2023, for a Commission decision, and an effective date of January 1, 2024.

In its February 22, 2023 initial filing, Avista requested a target order date of August 31, 2023, and two separate effective dates: 1. September 1, 2023, for allocated plant depreciation rates to coincide with similar updates in Idaho and Washington; and 2. January 1, 2024, for direct plant depreciation rates to coincide with the effective date of Avista's general rate case, Docket UG 461. The proposed schedule does not align with these requested effective dates, and I request that the parties, specifically Avista, confirm whether the proposed schedule was intended to change the effective dates requested in the initial filing. As part of its response, Avista should clarify whether it still seeks separate effective dates for the allocated plant depreciation and direct plant depreciation rates.

Dated this 16th day of March, 2023, at Salem, Oregon.



Sarah Spruce
Administrative Law Judge