1 BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION 2 OF OREGON 3 UG 325 4 In the Matter of 5 AVISTA CORPORATION dba STAFF'S MOTION TO SUSPEND **AVISTA UTILITIES** PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE 6 Request for General Rate Revision. (Expedited Consideration Requested) 8 Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Staff) hereby moves to suspend the procedural schedule in this docket, pursuant to OAR 860-001-0420. Counsel for Staff has 10 conferred with counsel for the other parties. All parties to this docket support this motion. Staff 11 requests expedited consideration of this motion because rebuttal testimony by Staff and 12 Intervenors is currently due May 12, 2017. 13 All parties in this docket have reached an agreement in principle on a comprehensive 14 settlement resolving all issues in this proceeding. Accordingly, the parties need adequate time to reduce their settlement to a written stipulation and to prepare joint testimony supporting the 15 16 stipulation. Once the stipulation is finalized, there will no longer be a need for Staff and 17 Intervenors to file rebuttal testimony, or for the other remaining events on the procedural 18 schedule, including the company's surrebuttal testimony, a hearing, legal briefs, and oral 19 argument. Therefore, Staff respectfully requests a suspension of the procedural schedule. 20 The parties intend to file the stipulation and supporting testimony as soon as possible. 21 Staff anticipates the stipulation and supporting testimony will be filed no later than three weeks 22 from today, and will provide the ALJ with a status update if the parties are unable to file a 23 stipulation by May 16, 2017. 24 111 25 /// 26 ///

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| 2 | Based on the foregoing, Staff respectfully requests an order suspending the procedura |
| 3 | schedule. |
| 4 | DATED this 25th day of April 2017. |
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