

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UE 177, UE 178, UG 170 & UG 171

In the Matters of the PUBLIC UTILITY)
 COMMISSION OF OREGON STAFF)
 directing:)
)
 PACIFICORP, dba PACIFIC POWER &)
 LIGHT COMPANY, (UE 177))
)
 PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC)
 COMPANY, (UE 178))
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 NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY,)
 dba NW NATURAL, (UG 170))
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 and)
)
 AVISTA UTILITIES, (UG 171))
)
 To file tariffs establishing automatic)
 adjustment clauses under the terms of SB 408.)

MEMORANDUM

As the parties are aware, a telephone conference is scheduled for Tuesday, October 17, 2006, to discuss, among other things, whether these four dockets should be used as the ongoing proceedings for the review of the annual utility tax filings. As I noted in my earlier memorandum, the continued use of these dockets will allow the protective order issued in Order No. 06-033 to govern the disclosure of confidential tax and other commercially sensitive financial information contained in the annual filings.

Unfortunately, the telephone conference is scheduled after October 15th due date for the tax filings.¹ In anticipation of the continued use of these dockets to process those filings, the utilities are requested to make their respective tax filings in their respective dockets. For example, PacifiCorp should make its tax filing as part of docket UE 177. Moreover, the utility tax reports should comply with the provisions set forth in Order No. 06-033. This will facilitate the review of the tax filings by the Commission Staff and intervenors.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 12th day of October, 2006.

Michael Grant
Chief Administrative Law Judge

¹ Because October 15, 2006, is a Sunday, the tax reports are due the next business day, October 16, 2006.