

ISSUED: August 11, 2009

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UG 171(1)
Phase II

In the Matter of

AVISTA CORPORATION, dba AVISTA
UTILITIES,

SB 408 Tax Report for Calendar Year 2007.

RULING

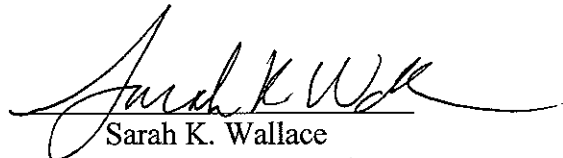
**DISPOSITION: DEADLINE FOR RESPONSES TO MOTION TO
CONSOLIDATE ESTABLISHED**

On August 7, 2009, Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon, the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon, and the Northwest Industrial Gas Users (collectively Joint Movants) filed a motion to consolidate this docket with docket UG 186, which is a request for a general rate revision filed by Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities, on June 25, 2009. The Joint Movants also request that the procedural schedules in both dockets be suspended until the Commission rules on their motion.

Under OAR 860-013-0050(3)(d), parties have 15 calendar days to respond to a motion, unless the deadline is changed by the Administrative Law Judge. Given upcoming deadlines in this docket and docket UG 186 and the limited nature of the motion to consolidate, I am shortening the deadline for filing responses to the motion. Responses to the motion to consolidate are due August 18, 2009.

Because the motion to consolidate is expected to be resolved quickly, and because of the statutory deadline in docket UG 186, the Joint Movants' request to suspend the schedules in both dockets pending resolution of the motion to consolidate is denied. If the Commission grants the motion to consolidate, the testimony filed in docket UG 171 will become part of the record in docket UG 186 and parties will have the opportunity to further address the issues in the multiple rounds of testimony to be filed in docket UG 186.

Dated this 11th day of August, 2009, at Salem, Oregon.


Sarah K. Wallace
Administrative Law Judge