

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of:)	
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AVISTA CORPORATION, dba AVISTA)	
UTILITIES)	RULING
)	
Filing of tariffs establishing automatic)	
adjustment clauses under the terms of SB 408.)	

**DISPOSITION: TIME PERIOD TO OBJECT TO
STIPULATION SHORTENED**

On March 3, 2008, Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities (Avista), filed a Stipulation intended to resolve all issues related to Avista’s 2006 Tax Report. The Stipulation is signed by Avista, the Citizens’ Utility Board, the Northwest Industrial Gas Users, and the Public Utility Commission of Oregon Staff.

Under OAR 860-014-0085(5), any party to the proceeding would generally be allowed 20 days to file written objection to the Stipulation or request a hearing. Due to the limited time available for the Commission to act on this Stipulation, however, I find that good cause exists to shorten that time period to 10 days. *See* OAR 860-011-0000(6).

As the parties are aware, the Commission’s rules require it to review Avista’s tax report and determine, within 180 days of the filing, whether the amount of taxes collected in rates differed by more than \$100,000 or more from the amount of taxes paid. *See* OAR 860-022-0041(7)(b). Because Avista made its 2006 tax filing on October 15, 2007, the Commission must issue an order on or before April 11, 2008. To allow the Commission to meet that deadline, any party objecting to the Stipulation must file a written objection or request a hearing by March 13, 2008.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 5th day of March, 2008.

Michael Grant
Chief Administrative Law Judge