ISSUED: October 16, 2014

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

## OF OREGON

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In the Matter of

AVISTA CORPORATION, DBA AVISTA UTILITIES,

NOTICE &
MEMORANDUM

Request for a General Rate Revision.

The public meeting previously set for November 6, 2014, to be held in Medford, Oregon, is canceled.

The Commission is exploring ways to use available technology to improve its outreach. In this case, the Commission will use videoconferencing to hold simultaneous public meetings in two communities served by Avista – Medford and Grants Pass. The Commissioners will assemble in a meeting room in Salem, with video access to each of the sites. Persons appearing at each of the sites will be able to address the Commissioners.

The administrative law judge will appear in Medford and preside over the meeting. Also appearing in Medford will be Avista, Commission Staff, and the Citizens' Utility Board. Each of those parties will have the opportunity to make an opening statement before the Commission takes public comment. These statements and comments in Medford will also be heard by the audience in Grants Pass.

After persons appearing in Medford have spoken, the Commissioners will hear comments from persons appearing in Grants Pass. Commission Staff will be present to assist with customer participation in Grants Pass.

Available dates for the combined public meeting are November 13, December 1, December 2, and December 11, 2014. The parties and the Jackson County Fuel Committee are directed to confer regarding their preference among these dates and to submit their preference to the Commission, not later than 10 days from the date of this memorandum. Thereafter, the Commission will issue a notice setting the date and locations for the public meeting.

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014, at Salem, Oregon.

Patrick Power Administrative Law Judge