

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of

AVISTA CORPORATION, dba
AVISTA UTILITIES,

Request for a General Rate Revision.

PREHEARING CONFERENCE
MEMORANDUM
AND
RULING

DISPOSTION: ORDER OF WITNESSES SET

On November 24, 2015, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon held a telephone prehearing conference in this docket. Representatives appeared on behalf of Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities; the Citizens' Board of Oregon (CUB); and the Commission Staff.

At the conference I advised the parties that the Commission Examination scheduled for December 2, 2015 is canceled. Commissioners may appear at the hearing on December 4th. Their appearance does not require the production of any witness not already scheduled for that date.

The parties filed cross-examination statements on November 23, 2015. At the conference the parties agreed that Avista witnesses would go first. The tentative order of witnesses is as follows:

Mark T. Thies
Shelly J. Heier
Karen H. Schuh
Jeffrey A. Webb
Don M. Falkner

The CUB witnesses will appear together as a panel.

Where both CUB/NWIGU and Staff have indicated cross-examination for a witness, CUB/NWIGU will go first.

Staff indicated that it may waive cross-examination, depending on pending data request responses. I ask that Staff give Avista timely notice so that a witness is not required to appear unnecessarily. I ask CUB/NWIGU to do likewise.

I agreed that Avista witness Heier may appear via telephone. For any Avista witness for whom the estimated cross-examination time is 15 minutes that witness may appear telephonically with prior notice to the Administrative Hearings' Division.

Dated this 24th day of November, 2015, at Salem, Oregon.



Patrick Power
Administrative Law Judge