

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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| In the Matter of |) | |
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| AVISTA CORP |) | RULING |
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| Application for an Order Approving a |) | |
| Corporate Reorganization to Create a |) | |
| Holding Company. |) | |

DISPOSITION: MOTION TO SUSPEND SCHEDULE GRANTED

On April 24, 2007, a modified schedule for this proceeding was adopted in order to allow additional time for settlement discussions. On May 15, 2007, however, Avista Corporation (Avista) filed a Motion to Modify the Schedule (Motion) seeking suspension of the revised schedule to further facilitate settlement discussions. Again, Avista indicates that Commission Staff supports the proposed modification, as do the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon and Northwest Industrial Gas Users, the only other parties to this docket.

Based on Avista's representations that all parties in this proceeding desired an extended amount of time to engage in settlement discussions, I find that Avista's Motion is reasonable. This proceeding is suspended.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 22nd day of May, 2007.

Traci A. G. Kirkpatrick
Administrative Law Judge