

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1266 and UM 1271

In the Matters of)
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AVISTA CORP.)
)
Deferred Accounting Authorization for)
Expenses Associated with Utility Tax)
Liability, (UM 1266))
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and)
)
PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC)
COMPANY)
)
Deferred Accounting Authorization for)
Expenses/Refunds Associated with SB 408.)
(UM 1271))

NOTICE OF
PROCEEDINGS
AND RULING

DISPOSITION: DOCKETS SUSPENDED UNTIL FINAL RULES
ADOPTED IN AR 499

Both the above-captioned dockets seek authorization to defer certain expenses or refunds related to utility taxes and Senate Bill 408. Notice is hereby given that the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) intends to hold both dockets in abeyance pending the issuance of a final order approving permanent rules in docket AR 499. Once permanent rules are adopted, the Commission will schedule appropriate proceedings to address each request, as well as others previously suspended, pending final rules implementing SB 408.¹

Persons interested in becoming parties to either docket may file a petition to intervene, in the interim. This will help the Commission establish a service list to facilitate the later processing of the applications. The Commission has already received a notice of intervention, in each case, from the Citizens' Utility Board (CUB).

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 1st day of August 2006.

Michael Grant
Chief Administrative Law Judge

¹ See, e.g., *In re Portland General Electric Company* (UM 1238), *PacifiCorp* (UM 1240), and *Northwest Natural Gas Company* (UM 1244), ALJ Prehearing Conference Report (April 21, 2006).