

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

UM 1238/ UM 1240/ UM 1244/ UM 1266/ UM 1271

In the Matters of: )  
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 PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY )  
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 Deferred Accounting Authorization for Expenses )  
 Associated with Utility Tax Liability (UM 1238) )  
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 and )  
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 PACIFICORP )  
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 Deferred Accounting Authorization for Expenses )  
 Associated with Utility Tax Liability (UM 1240) )  
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 and )  
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 NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY, dba )  
 NW Natural )  
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 Deferred Accounting Authorization for Expenses )  
 Associated with Utility Tax Liability (UM 1244) )  
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 and )  
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 AVISTA CORP., )  
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 Deferred Accounting Authorization for Expenses )  
 Associated with Utility Tax Liability (UM 1266) )  
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 and )  
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 PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY )  
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 Deferred Accounting Authorization for certain )  
 Expenses/Revenue Refunds Associated with SB 408 )  
 and the Sale of Certain Non-utility Assets (UM 1271). )

RULING

**DISPOSITION: SCHEDULE SET**

On October 23, 2006, a prehearing conference was held in these dockets. Avista Corp., appeared on the telephone. The following parties appeared in person: Portland General Electric Company, PacifiCorp, NW Natural, Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities, and Commission Staff.

At the request of the parties, UM 1238, UM 1240, UM 1244, and UM 1266 will be held in abeyance. Parties also indicated that it was likely that the applications in at least some of those cases may be withdrawn.

The parties then proposed the following schedule for UM 1271:

PGE testimony	December 6, 2006
Staff and Intervenors testimony	January 22, 2007
PGE testimony	February 21, 2007
Hearing	March 14, 2007.

The schedule is adopted. Parties are requested to provide evidence and, later, testimony, to aid the Commission in its decision in light of the statements made in Order No. 06-400, 10-11.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 24th day of October, 2006.

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Christina M. Hayes  
Administrative Law Judge