

**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.

**CORRECTED¹
PREHEARING CONFERENCE
REPORT**

DISPOSITION: SCHEDULE SET

On July 22, 2009, a prehearing conference was held in the above-captioned docket. The purpose of the conference was to identify the parties and interested persons and set a procedural schedule.

Appearances were entered by David Meyer for Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities (Avista); Jason Jones for Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission); G. Catriona McCracken on behalf of the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (CUB); and Chad Stokes for the Northwest Industrial Gas Users (NWIGU).

The parties proposed the schedule during the prehearing conference:

Event	Date
Petitions to Intervene due	August 5, 2009
Staff/Intervenors file proposed information requests for Avista's Supplemental Opening Testimony	August 11, 2009
Intervenor Funding Requests due	August 19, 2009
Avista files Supplemental Opening Testimony	September 1, 2009
Staff and Intervenors publish Testimony	September 30, 2009
Opening Oral Argument Before the Commission	October 14, 2009
Avista's Rebuttal Testimony due	October 30, 2009
Staff/Intervenors' Surrebuttal Testimony due	November 25, 2009
Avista files Sursurebuttal	December 22, 2009
All parties submit Cross Examination Statements	January 5, 2009
Hearing begins (tentative)	January 11, 2010
Simultaneous Opening Briefs	February 11, 2010
Simultaneous Reply Briefs	March 4, 2010
Closing Oral Argument Before the Commission	March 11, 2010
Target Date Commission Decision	April 22, 2010
End of Suspension	April 27, 2010

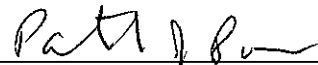
¹ This report is being issued to reflect the correct dates in bold above.

The schedule is reasonable and is adopted.

On July 6, 2009, CUB filed its Notice of Intervention pursuant to ORS 774.180. NWIGU filed a Petition to Intervene on July 15, 2009. I find that NWIGU has sufficient interest in the proceeding and that its appearance and participation will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or unreasonably delay the proceeding. NWIGU's petition is conditionally granted pending the expiration of the protest period.

At the hearing counsel for Avista requested a protective order. No party opposed the motion. That motion will be granted by separate order.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 22nd day of July, 2009.



Patrick Power
Administrative Law Judge