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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EC05-111-000]

#### Avista Corporation; Notice of Filing

August 1, 2005.

Take notice that on July 25, 2005, Avista Corporation filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an application pursuant to section 203 of the Federal Power Act for authorization of a disposition of jurisdictional facilities whereby Avista Corporation will sell to Modern Electric Water Company various substation equipment and real estate which are a part of Avista's Opportunity substation located in Spokane County, Washington.

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*Comment Date:* 5 pm Eastern Time on August 15, 2005.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP05-32-000, CP05-32-001]

#### Northwest Pipeline Corporation; Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Capacity Replacement Project

August 1, 2005.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) has prepared the final environmental impact statement (EIS) on the natural gas pipeline facilities and abandonment activities proposed by Northwest Pipeline Corporation (Northwest) in the above-referenced dockets. The Capacity Replacement Project would be located in various counties in Washington.

The final EIS was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The FERC staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures as recommended, would have limited adverse environmental impact.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) is participating as a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EIS because the project would require permits pursuant to section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 United States Code (U.S.C.) 1344) and section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act (33 U.S.C. 403). The COE would adopt the EIS pursuant to Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 1506.3 if, after an independent review of the document, it concludes that its comments and suggestions have been satisfied.

The Washington State Department of Ecology (WDOE) and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) are participating as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EIS. The WDOE has been designated the lead agency under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and is responsible for compliance with SEPA procedural requirements as well

as for compiling and assessing information on the environmental aspects of the proposal for all agencies with jurisdiction in Washington. NEPA documents may be used to meet SEPA requirements if the requirements of the State of Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 197-11-610 and 197-11-630 are met. In compliance with SEPA requirements, this Notice of Availability includes the information required for a SEPA EIS Cover Letter and Fact Sheet. After the final EIS is issued by the FERC, the WDOE would adopt it if an independent review of the document confirms that it meets the WDOE's environmental review standards.

The purpose of the Capacity Replacement Project is to replace the majority of the delivery capacity of Northwest's existing 268-mile-long, 26-inch-diameter pipeline between Sumas and Washougal, Washington in response to a Corrective Action Order issued by the U.S. Department of Transportation. The proposed facilities are designed to provide up to 360 thousand dekatherms per day of natural gas transportation capacity.

The final EIS addresses the potential environmental effects (beneficial and adverse) of Northwest's proposal to:

- Construct and operate 79.5 miles of new 36-inch-diameter pipeline in 4 separate loops<sup>1</sup> in Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, King, Pierce, and Thurston Counties;
- Modify 5 existing compressor stations, one each in Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, Lewis, and Clark Counties for a total of 10,760 net horsepower of new compression;
- Install various pig<sup>2</sup> launchers, pig receivers, and mainline valves;
- Abandon the existing 26-inch-diameter pipeline between Sumas and Washougal with the exception of a short segment within and between the existing Jackson Prairie Meter Station and the Chehalis Compressor Station; and
- Use 13 pipe storage and contractor yards on a temporary basis to support construction activities.

Northwest proposes to begin construction in March 2006<sup>3</sup> and place the facilities in service by November 1, 2006. Abandonment of the 26-inch-diameter facilities that are currently in

<sup>1</sup> A loop is a segment of pipeline that is usually installed adjacent to an existing pipeline and connected to it at both ends. The loop allows more gas to be moved through the system.

<sup>2</sup> A pig is an internal tool that can be used to clean and dry a pipeline and/or to inspect it for damage or corrosion.

<sup>3</sup> Northwest has requested that three river crossings be authorized to begin in late 2005 if weather permits.