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Mr. Jeff Killip
Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
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RE: Docket PG-240560 - Rulemaking to amend WAC 480-93-188 (1) Gas Leak Surveys, and 480-93-200 (1) Reporting Requirements,

Dear Mr. Killip:

Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities (Avista or the Company), submits the following comments in accordance with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission's (WUTC or the Commission) Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments on Draft Rules (Notice) issued in Docket PG-240560 on October 25, 2024, relating to the Commission's rulemaking to amend WAC 480-93-188 (1) Gas Leak Surveys, and 480-93-200 (1) Reporting Requirements. Avista appreciates the Commission's actions to improve these rules to reduce the burden placed on first responders and Commission staff from the reporting of all evacuations pursuant to the current WAC 480-93-200(1)(c) and the for the recognition that leak detection instrumentation has evolved, necessitating change to the current rules. The company has reviewed the proposed rule revisions and fully supports the revised rules as written.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this rulemaking and if you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact me at 509-495-2782 or shawn.bonfield@avistacorp.com.

Sincerely,

/s/ *Shawn Bonfield*

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