BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Complainant,

v.

AVISTA CORPORATION D/B/A/ AVISTA UTILITIES

Respondent.

DOCKETS UE-220053, UG-220054, and UE-210854 (Consolidated)

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PUBLIC COUNSEL UNIT

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Avista’s Response to Public Counsel Data Request No. 190

July 29, 2022
AVISTA CORP.
RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

JURISDICTION: WASHINGTON DATE PREPARED: 04/19/2022
CASE NO.: UE-220053 & UG-220054 WITNESS: David Howell
REQUESTER: Public Counsel RESPONDER: Heather Webster
TYPE: Data Request DEPT: Asset Maintenance
REQUEST NO.: PC – 190 TELEPHONE: (509) 495-8930
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SUBJECT: Vegetation Management

REQUEST:
If Avista only used satellite imagery to inspect vegetation along non-urban transmission and distribution electrical feeder miles, would it satisfy the inspection requirements of the Measure 11 performance incentive?

RESPONSE:
Satellite imagery is not used to analyze or inspect the transmission system.

Analysis of satellite imagery alone does not constitute a satisfactorily completed risk tree inspection of the distribution system. The satellite inspection project is still a pilot project and Avista is working to ground-truth the results of the analysis and decide how it may be used in the future to supplement the inspection process. Avista’s goal is to inspect 100% of non-urban distribution miles in 2022 visually with inspectors on site performing the inspections.