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Amanda Maxwell, Executive Director and Secretary  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
621 Woodland Square Loop SE  
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Re: *Washington Utils. and Transp. Comm'n v. Avista Corporation*  
Dockets UE-220053, UG-220054, UE-210854 (*consolidated*)

Dear Ms. Maxwell:

This letter is to inform the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (“WUTC”) that WUTC Regulatory Staff (“Staff”) will not be filing rebuttal testimony to the response testimony filed by the Public Counsel Unit of the Washington Attorney General’s Office (“Public Counsel”) on July 29, 2022.

Staff believes that the stipulation filed on June 28, 2022, represents a reasonable compromise that resolves the disputed issues in these dockets in an administratively efficient manner. Staff further believes that the stipulation is a fair outcome that represents arm’s length negotiations between stakeholders of different interests. The stipulation is supported by various stakeholders that represent Avista’s low-income residential ratepayers, commercial and industrial ratepayers, and other renewable and conservation interests. Pursuant to WAC 480-07-700, the Commission “supports parties’ informal efforts to resolve disputes without the need for contested hearings when doing so is lawful and consistent with the public interest.” As provided in the joint testimony in support of the stipulation filed on July 8, 2022, Staff believes the stipulation is lawful and consistent with the public interest and, therefore, should be approved by the Commission. Staff has reviewed Public Counsel’s response testimony and the filing did not change Staff’s opinion that the stipulation, which represents a reasonable compromise on disputed issues, should be approved.

Consistent with WAC 480-07-740(3)(b), Staff will offer one or more witnesses to be available to respond to questions from the bench and cross examination at the evidentiary hearing scheduled on September 21, 2022.

Sincerely,

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