

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,**

**Complainant,**

**v.**

**AVISTA CORPORATION d/b/a AVISTA  
UTILITIES,**

**Respondent.**

**DOCKETS UE-170485 & UG-170486  
(Consolidated)**

**COMMISSION STAFF'S REPORT  
TO THE COMMISSION ON PROGRESS IN  
THE COST OF SERVICE GENERIC PROCEEDING**

**January 24, 2019**

At the conclusion of Avista's 2017 general case, in Order 07 for Dockets UE-170485 and UG-170486, the Commission directed Staff to report its progress in the generic proceeding every three months. Pursuant to Order 07, Staff presents the following information on the progress made in the cost of service rulemaking.

On December 3, 2018, staff hosted a joint technical workshop with the electric and natural gas stakeholders. The topics of discussion included a standard template for summary presentations and the potential for uniform methods of demand and throughput allocations.

Based on the responses given by the stakeholders in the December 3 technical workshop, Staff held a meeting with the Commissioners to provide an update on the rulemaking process, and asked the Commissioners for direction on how to proceed. The Commissioners supported draft rules that included specific cost allocation methodologies. The cost of service rulemaking team is now working on the first draft of the rules.

Two more technical workshops have been scheduled for February 21 and 22, 2019 at 9:30 am, to discuss the specific calculations used in electric and natural gas studies.