

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, Complainant, v. AVISTA CORPORATION, d/b/a AVISTA UTILITIES, Respondent.	DOCKETS UE-220053, UG-220054, UE-210854 (<i>Consolidated</i>) ORDER 09 / 03 GRANTING MOTION TO AMEND SETTLEMENT, ATTACHMENT C
In the Matter of the Electric Service Reliability Reporting Plan of AVISTA CORPORATION, d/b/a AVISTA UTILITIES.	

BACKGROUND

- 1 On November 11, 2021, Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities (Avista or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) its Electric Service Reliability Reporting Plan in Docket UE-210854 pursuant to Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-100-393, modifying its previous plan.
- 2 On January 21, 2022, Avista filed with the Commission revisions in Docket UE-220053 to its currently effective electric service tariff, Tariff WN U-28, and in Docket UG-220054 to its natural gas service tariff, Tariff WN U-29 (Avista’s 2022 GRC).
- 3 On January 27, 2022, the Commission entered Order 01, consolidating Dockets UE-220053 and UG-220054, suspending the tariff revisions, and setting the matters for adjudication. On May 27, 2022, the Commission entered Order 07/01, consolidating

Dockets UE-220053 and UG-220054 with Docket UE-210854 pursuant to Commission staff's (Staff) unopposed motion to consolidate.

- 4 On June 13, 2022, the Commission suspended the procedural schedule in these consolidated matters pursuant to a joint request from the parties, indicating that the parties had reached a full multiparty settlement in principle and requesting that the Commission hold a status conference for the purpose of establishing a new schedule.
- 5 On June 28, 2022, the Settling Parties filed with the Commission their Full Multiparty Settlement Stipulation (Settlement).
- 6 On July 8, 2022, the Settling Parties filed with the Commission their joint testimony in support of the Settlement.
- 7 On July 29, 2022, the Settling Parties filed with the Commission their supplemental joint testimony in support of the Colstrip Tracker and Tariff Schedule 99, one of the items addressed by the Settlement.
- 8 Also on July 29, 2022, the Public Counsel Unit of the Washington Attorney General's Office (Public Counsel) filed with the Commission its testimony opposing the Settlement.
- 9 On August 19, 2022, Avista filed with the Commission rebuttal testimony responding to Public Counsel's opposition testimony.
- 10 On August 31, 2022, Avista filed with the Commission a Motion to Amend the Settlement, revising Attachment C to the Settlement.

DISCUSSION AND DECISION

- 11 An evidentiary motion is a party's request for Commission action related to evidence in an adjudicative proceeding.¹ Here, Avista requests that the Commission grant its motion to amend an attachment to the Settlement that was filed by the Settling Parties on June 28, 2022. Avista indicates it contacted each party to this proceeding and that no party objects to its motion.²

¹ WAC 480-07-375(1)(d).

² Motion at ¶ 3.

- 12 Avista requests to amend Attachment C of the Settlement. Avista explains that it “inadvertently used the incorrect loads by month” and the amendment corrects that error in the Retail Sales monthly volumes.³ Avista states that there is “no financial impact from this error because only the annual normalized test year retail sales level . . . is used in the attachment’s calculations, in order to establish the 2023 Retail Revenue Credit Rate (which remains unchanged in the restated attachment).”⁴
- 13 We find good cause to grant Avista’s motion. The requested amendment is ministerial, corrects an obvious error, and the correction of the error has no financial impact. In addition, no party opposes Avista’s request. Accordingly, we determine that Avista’s motion to amend the Settlement to revise Attachment C should be granted.

ORDER

- 14 The Commission GRANTS Avista Corporation’s d/b/a Avista Utilities Motion to Amend Full Multiparty Settlement Stipulation to Revise Attachment C.

DATED at Lacey, Washington, and effective September 7, 2022.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

/s/ *Andrew J. O’Connell*

ANDREW J. O’CONNELL
Administrative Law Judge

³ *Id.* at ¶ 2.

⁴ *Id.*