

**Exh. JDW-30
Dockets UE-240006/UG-240007
Witness: John D. Wilson**

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,**

Complainant,

v.

AVISTA CORPORATION,

Respondent.

**DOCKETS UE-240006 & UG-240007
(Consolidated)**

**EXHIBIT TO
CROSS-ANSWERING TESTIMONY OF
JOHN D. WILSON
ON BEHALF OF STAFF OF
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

Ecology Auction, March 2024

August 16, 2024



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Washington Cap-and-Invest Program Auction #5 March 2024 Summary Report

Issued on March 13, 2024

Background

Ecology held an auction of allowances on March 6, 2024. The auction included the sale of 2023 and 2024 vintage allowances. No future vintage allowances were offered. Auction #5 included allowances consigned to auction.

Prior to today's certification of Auction #5, Ecology staff and the independent market monitor evaluated bids and determined that the auction process and procedures complied with the requirements of the Washington Regulation. The Market Monitor made the following determination:

The Market Monitor found that the auction was cleared consistent with the auction clearing rules in the regulation and appropriate economic logic. The Market Monitor confirmed the clearing price and clearing quantities by qualified bidder. The auction algorithm correctly applied requirements of the regulation covering the bid guarantee. The Market Monitor did not observe any breaches of communication protocols.

The Market Monitor recommends Ecology approve the March 2024 Auction results.

The Financial Services Administrator will distribute auction proceeds to the State of Washington and to consigning entities after all qualified bidder payments are received. Ecology will release information on April 3, 2024, in the Auction Public Proceeds Report, providing the final amount of proceeds generated from Auction #5.

Auction Results

All allowances offered for sale by Ecology were sold. The settlement price for current vintage allowances was \$25.76 per allowance. No future vintage allowances were offered in this auction.

Table 1: Qualified Bid Statistics for Auction #5 March 2024

Auction Statistics	Current Auction
Auction Floor Price	\$24.02
Settlement Price	\$25.76

Table 2: Allowances offered for sale in Auction #5 March 2024

Description of Allowances	Current Auction Vintage (2023 and 2024)
Allowances offered through entity consignment	2,182,241
Allowances offered by Ecology	5,260,000
Total allowances offered for sale	7,442,241

Table 3: Allowances sold in Auction #5 March 2024

Description of Allowances	Current Auction Vintage (2023 and 2024)
Allowances sold on behalf of consigning entities	2,182,241
Allowances sold by Ecology	5,260,000
Total allowances sold at auction	7,442,241

Table 4: Auction Data for Auction #5 March 2024

Auction Data	Current Auction
Total qualified bids divided by total allowances available for sale	1.24
Proportion of allowances purchased by compliance entities	91.31%
Herfindahl-Hirschman Index*	697

*Herfindahl-Hirschman Index (HHI) is a measure of market concentration and competitiveness, the values of which range from 0 to 10,000. A lower HHI value indicates a higher level of competition. A higher HHI value indicates greater market concentration among fewer entities.

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List of qualified bidders for Auction #5 March 2024

A qualified bidder is an entity that completed an auction application, submitted a bid guarantee that was accepted by the Financial Services Administrator, and was approved by Ecology to participate in the auction. Qualified bidders may or may not have participated in the auction.

This list includes 39 qualified bidders.

CITSS Entity ID	Entity Legal Name
WA3591	Avista Corporation
WA3446	BP PRODUCTS NORTH AMERICA INC.
WA3556	Braeswood Climate Partners, LP
WA3462	Cardinal Glass Industries
WA3530	Cascade Natural Gas Corporation
WA3549	CenTrio Energy Seattle, LLC
WA3545	CHEVRON U.S.A. INC.
WA3621	CHS Inc.
WA3568	City of Enumclaw
WA3636	CityServiceValcon, LLC
WA3626	Colvin Oil I LLC
WA3468	CP Energy Marketing (US) Inc
WA3685	DTE Energy Trading, Inc.
WA3437	Environmental Commodity Partners Holdings LP
WA3479	GAS TRANSMISSION NORTHWEST LLC
WA3698	Global Carbon Opportunity (SPV) LLC
WA3457	Grays Harbor Energy LLC
WA3519	HF Sinclair Puget Sound Refining LLC
WA3563	Kcarbon Holdings LLC
WA3579	Macquarie Energy LLC
WA3435	MARATHON PETROLEUM COMPANY LP
WA3590	Midstream Energy Partners (USA), LLC
WA3536	Morgan Stanley Capital Group Inc.
WA3496	NORTHWEST PIPELINE LLC
WA3477	Nucor Steel Seattle, Inc.
WA3502	NW Natural Gas Co.
WA3470	Oregon Carbon Holdings, LLC
WA3683	Pacific Summit Energy LLC
WA3487	PacifiCorp
WA3481	Par Petroleum, LLC
WA3424	Phillips 66 Company
WA3475	Powerex Corp.
WA3438	Puget Sound Energy, Inc.
WA3474	Shell Energy North America (US), L.P.
WA3679	THE ANDERSONS, INC.
WA3583	Uniper Global Commodities North America LLC

CITSS Entity ID	Entity Legal Name
WA3509	Vitol Inc.
WA3527	Washington State University
WA3454	Wilson Oil Inc

How does Ecology decide what information to share?

Ecology shares information about the outcome of each quarterly auction as required by the Washington regulation and to support the successful implementation of the program. Ecology does not share information that could potentially enable market manipulation or other unfair practices by market participants.

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