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)

CROSS EXAMINATION EXHIBIT OF ELIZABETH M. ANDREWS
ON BEHALF OF THE
WASHINGTON STATE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
PUBLIC COUNSEL UNIT

EXHIBIT EMA–__X

Avista’s Response to Public Counsel’s Data Request No. 324 on Insurance Expense

September 14, 2022
SUBJECT: RE: Insurance expense

REQUEST:
Refer to Rebuttal Testimony of Elizabeth M. Andrews Exh. EMA-7T at 24:2–11.

Please confirm that the inflation factors referenced in this section of your testimony are the same inflation factors provided in Attachment B to Avista’s Response to Public Counsel Data Request No. 121 (Exhibit SC-9). If you are not confirming, explain.

RESPONSE:

Confirmed, but this data was not used by the Company in this case or for expense or capital budgeting purposes. See Company witness Dr. Forsyth testimony at Exh. GDF-3T starting at page 4, line 9, for his discussion on the use of CPI and that it is not the best measure of inflation pressures for companies like Avista. These inflation factors were produced in response to Public Counsel (PC) Data Request 121, in which PC requested the following: “Provide the most recent forecasted CPI-U and PPI rates for 2022, 2023 and 2024 available to the Company from IHS, the Federal Reserve, or other widely distributed publication.” See also Avista’s response to PC-DR-335.