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October 4, 2021

Amanda Maxwell  
Executive Director and Secretary  
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission  
621 Woodland Square Loop SE  
Lacey, WA 98503

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Re: D-210636 - Avista's Utilities' Reply to Notice of Penalties Incurred and Due for Violations of Laws and Rules

Dear Ms. Maxwell,

Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities (Avista or the Company), submits this reply letter in response to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission's (WUTC) Notice of Penalties Incurred and Due for Violations of Laws and Rules (Notice) issued on September 23, 2021 in Docket D-210636.

The Company has reviewed the Notice, and while disappointed in the penalty assessed, accepts the penalty.

Included with this letter is a check in the amount of \$5,000 for the penalty assessment. If you have any questions regarding this situation, please contact Linda Burger at 509-495-4423 or

[linda.burger@avistacorp.com](mailto:linda.burger@avistacorp.com).

Sincerely,

*/s/ Jody Morehouse*

Jody Morehouse  
Director of Natural Gas

**WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**  
PENALTY ASSESSMENT D-210636, Investigation #8383

**PLEASE NOTE:** You must complete and sign this document and send it to the Commission within 15 days after you receive the penalty assessment. Use additional paper if needed.

I have read and understand RCW 9A.72.020 (printed below), which states that making false statements under oath is a class B felony. I am over the age of 18, am competent to testify to the matters set forth below and I have personal knowledge of those matters. I hereby make, under oath, the following statements:

1. **Payment of penalty.** I admit that the violation occurred and enclose \$5,000 in payment of the penalty.

2. **Contest the violation.** I believe that the alleged violation did not occur for the reasons I describe below (**if you do not include reasons supporting your contest here, your request will be denied**):

a) I ask for a hearing to present evidence on the information I provide above to an administrative law judge for a decision.

OR  b) I ask for a Commission decision based solely on the information I provided above.

3. **Request mitigation.** I admit the violation, but I believe that the penalty should be reduced for the reasons set out below (**if you do not include reasons supporting your application here, your request will be denied**):

a) I ask for a hearing to present evidence on the information I provide above to an administrative law judge for a decision.

OR  b) I ask for a Commission decision based solely on the information I provided above.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing, including information I have presented on any attachments, is true and correct.

Dated: 9/27/2021 [Month/Day/Year], at Spokane, WA [City, State]

Jody Morehouse (Avista)  
Name of Respondent (Company) – please print

  
Signature of Applicant

RCW 9A.72.020:

“Perjury in the first degree. (1) A person is guilty of perjury in the first degree if in any official proceeding he makes a materially false statement which he knows to be false under an oath required or authorized by law. (2) Knowledge of the materiality of the statement is not an element of this crime, and the actor’s mistaken belief that his statement was not material is not a defense to a prosecution under this section. (3) Perjury in the first degree is a class B felony.”