

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

AVISTA CORPORATION d/b/a  
AVISTA UTILITIES,

Respondent.

In the Matter of Electric Service  
Reliability Reporting Plan of

AVISTA CORPORATION, d/b/a/  
AVISTA UTILITIES

DOCKETS UE-220053, UG-220054,  
AND UE-210854 (*Consolidated*)

OFFER OF PUBLIC COMMENT  
EXHIBIT

BENCH REQUEST NO. 3

1. The Public Counsel Unit of the Washington Attorney General's Office (Public Counsel) hereby offers this Public Comment Exhibit Bench Request No. 3 (BR-3) for admission into the record of the proceeding.
2. Public Comment Exhibit No. BR-3. The exhibit consists of comments submitted by members of the public to provide comment on the Avista Corporation (Avista or the Company) General Rate Case (GRC), Dockets UE-220053, UG-220054, and UE-210854 (Consolidated). While customers were able to submit comments either to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC or Commission) or to Public Counsel, customer comments for this GRC were submitted only to the UTC. On August 12, 2022, the Commission issued a Notice

of Virtual Public Comment Hearing (Notice) scheduled for 6 p.m. on September 7, 2022.<sup>1</sup> The Commission and Public Counsel received and compiled remarks from customers in response to the Company's Notice of Proposed Rate Increase.<sup>2</sup> Customers provided comments via e-mail and through the Commission's online comment web portal.

3. Commission Consumer Protection and Communications Staff documented these comments in a database matrix, which is included as Attachment 1. The output from this database matrix provides all comments submitted to the Commission in response to the Notice through the final date of the hearing for this Docket on September 30, 2022. Commission Staff provided the output shown in Attachment 1 to Public Counsel on October 6, 2022, and confirmed that all of these comments were submitted to the UTC on or before October 6, 2022. Commission Staff confirmed on October 12, 2022, that no additional comments have been submitted to the UTC. Public Counsel did not receive any comments on this matter.

4. The submitted material has been counted as follows:

a. Comments received by WUTC

Opposing the rate increase	30
Supporting the rate increase	0
Undecided comments	0

b. Comments received by Public Counsel

Opposing the rate increase	0
Supporting the rate increase	0
Undecided Comments	0

5. Public Counsel submits 30 public comments in this exhibit. However, three constituents have individually submitted more than one comment. As shown in Attachment 1 to this exhibit,

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<sup>1</sup> Notice of Virtual Public Comment Hearing (filed Aug. 12, 2022).

<sup>2</sup> Customer Notice of Avista Corp. (filed Aug. 31, 2022).

Charles Taggart submitted three comments, Kathy Catalano submitted two comments, and Carole Gauche submitted two comments.<sup>3</sup> All 30 comments provided oppose the requested rate increase.

DATED at Seattle, Washington this 14th day of October, 2022.

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<sup>3</sup> See Attach. 1 Comment Matrix, at 2 & 4 and 7 & 10.