

approval by the Commission.¹ Here, Avista is evaluating a self-build option as a part of the upcoming request for proposal (RFP) process. As a result, Avista must secure the services of an IE. We agree with the Company and Staff that Avista's choice of this IE is reasonable and should be approved.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 5 (1) The Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate the rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, transfers of property and affiliated interests of public service companies, including electric companies.
- 6 (2) Avista is a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 7 (3) WAC 480-107-023(2), requires companies to petition the Commission for approval of a recommended IE.
- 8 (4) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on February 13, 2025.
- 9 (5) After reviewing Avista's Petition and giving due consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission concludes that Avista's Petition should be granted.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 10 (1) Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities' Petition for approval of its recommended Independent Evaluator is granted.
- 11 (2) This Order shall not affect the Commission's authority over rates, services, accounts, valuations, estimates, or determination of costs, on any matters that may come before it.

¹ WAC 480-107-023(2).

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Lacey, Washington, and effective February 13, 2025.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

JEFF KILLIP
Executive Director and Secretary