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NOTICE OF BENCH REQUEST
(Due by 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 22, 2024)

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Avista Corporation*,
Dockets UE-240006 and UG-240007 (Consolidated)

Bench Request No. 002:

TO ALL PARTIES

The following bench request is directed to all parties. Please respond no later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 22, 2024, in electronic form to be delivered to the Commission for filing with the Records Center. Please provide courtesy copies by email to ALJ James Brown II at james.brown@utc.wa.gov and ALJ Connor Thompson at connor.thompson@utc.wa.gov.

Bench Request No. 2:

During the evidentiary hearing on October 1, 2024, in the above-referenced dockets, Commissioner Ann Rendahl asked Staff Witness Erdahl, subject to check, several questions related to Avista's 2023 provisional plant review. Specifically, a question regarding the number of plant business cases that were included in that review filing.

On March 29, 2024, Avista filed its 2023 Washington Annual Provision Capital Report in Dockets UE-220053 and UG-220054, *consolidated*. In that filing, Avista provided supporting documents including an excel file labeled "2023 WA Provisional Capital Native Model" (Native Model) and a pdf document labeled "Attachment D." In the Native Model file within the Tab labeled "Variance Summary - Attachment A," the Company indicates that Appendix D contains Business Cases not included in direct filing under threshold. It appears that 20 projects were designated in Column F as "Attachment D." However, in the pdf file labeled Appendix D there are only 17 distinct projects listed in Table No. 1.

On October 8, 2024, Staff filed a Subject to Check letter with the Commission clarifying their review indicates 123 total business cases including eight new business cases.

All parties are asked to provide a response to clarify the discrepancy between documents with dollar values represented for the costs associated for Washington customers only, or if the discrepancy cannot be resolved, provide a response as to the respective party's understanding of the documents filed in Avista's 2023 provisional plant review submission.

Further, all parties are asked to brief any legal issues regarding the 2023 provisional plant review process, how the Commission should address any remaining 2023 discrepancy, as well as how the Commission should address future provisional plant review processes.

/s/ Connor A. Thompson

CONNOR THOMPSON

Administrative Law Judge

cc: All Parties