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Ms. Amanda Maxwell
Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
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RE: Dockets UE-220053, UG-22054, and UE-210854 – Performance Based Ratemaking Metrics – Additional Reliability Metrics

Dear Ms. Maxwell:

In compliance with provision 23(e) of the Settlement Stipulation approved in Final Order 10/04 in Dockets UE-220053, UG-220054, and UE-210854 (*Consolidated*), Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities (Avista or the Company), hereby submits the additional reliability metrics it will begin reporting on in Rate Year 2 of the multiyear rate plan.

Within the Settlement Stipulation, the settling parties agreed that “Avista will work with the Settling Parties to agree upon additional reliability metrics by the end of Rate Year 1. Avista will track and report these metrics beginning in Rate Year 2 of the multiyear rate plan.” After discussion with the settling parties, Avista will add the following three reliability metrics to its list of Performance Based Ratemaking (PBR) metrics:

1. CEMIMax – this is an indicator of the most outages a single customer in a census tract faces on an annual basis and may be utilized to help provide outreach or assistance in certain census tracts where needed.
2. CEMIO – this is an indicator for which census tracts have the most customers facing outages.
3. Total Outage Hours – this metric is currently provided in Avista’s annual electric reliability report for all customers. Providing the metric by census tract provides a greater level of granularity to help understand the amount of time customers face outages within individual census tracts.

The Company will begin reporting these metrics on an annual basis beginning with 2023 calendar year data. In addition, the Company will add these new metrics to its interactive map for viewing certain reliability metrics by census tract, which can be found on the Company’s website at <https://www.myavista.com/about-us/our-rates-and-tariffs/washington-pbr-metrics>.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, you can contact me at 509-495-2782 or shawn.bonfield@avistacorp.com.

Sincerely,

/s/ Shawn Bonfield

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