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NOTICE OF BENCH REQUESTS

(Responses due by 3:00 p.m., Thursday, October 29, 2015)

(Replies to responses due by 3:00 p.m., Monday, November 2, 2015)

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities*, Dockets UE-150204 and UG-150205 (consolidated)

The following bench requests are directed to Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities, with responses due, in hard copy and electronic form, no later than **3:00 p.m., Thursday, October 29, 2015**. Intervenors may reply to responses no later than **3:00 p.m., Monday, November 2, 2015**.

Bench Request No. 16: Elizabeth Andrews' Exh. No. EMA-7 at page 12 states, "Use of an average based on actual 2007-2014 linear trend plus revised 2013-2014 linear trend (removing impact of benefits) consistent with electric, would result in a significant increase in O&M expenses above 2014 levels." Please calculate the escalation rate using the data of the "actual 2007-2014 linear trend" from Elizabeth Andrews' Exh. No. EMA-7 at page 8, Line 12, "adjusted operating expense." Please provide supporting workpapers in electronic spreadsheet format with all formulas and links intact.

Bench Request No. 17: Provide the expense impact (NOI) to natural gas operations of using the escalation rate calculated in response to Bench Request No. 16 in place of the three percent escalation rate used by Staff and Avista to escalate natural gas O&M expense. Please provide supporting workpapers in electronic spreadsheet format with all formulas and links intact.

MARGUERITE E. FRIEDLANDER
Administrative Law Judge

cc: All Parties