

STATE OF WASHINGTON

UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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July 31, 2024

RE: *Washington Utils. and Transp. Comm'n v. Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities* Dockets UE-220053, UG-220054 & UE-210854 (Consolidated)

TO ALL PARTIES:

On December 12, 2022, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered Order 10/04 in the above-referenced docket. Order 10/04, which among other things, required Avista Corporation (Avista) to make an annual filing detailing the property provisionally included in rates placed into service during each year of the rate plan approved by the order. Additionally, in the annual filing, Order 10/04 required Avista to report on Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding options and offsetting benefits for all capital projects. This filing starts a retrospective review wherein parties may challenge the inclusion of that property into the rates charged for the company's service, with any disallowances returned to ratepayers through refunds.

On March 29, 2024, Avista submitted its 2023 Washington Annual Provisional Capital Report (Report). Commission staff (Staff) subsequently reviewed this compliance filing, issued informal data requests, and met with Avista to discuss several of the capital projects deemed most significant. The report, accompanying workpapers, and follow-up discussions show the provisional plant identified in the report to be known and measurable, used and useful, and prudent. Avista provided sufficient information regarding IRA or IIJA opportunities it is considering and stated that it would provide no off-setting benefits at this time as these programs are at such a nascent stage in their development.

On July 25, 2024, Staff filed a letter in this docket stating that this Report complied with Order 10/04 and, based on its analysis, determined that no disallowances or refunds are warranted. Staff noted that if the Commission accepts this determination, there will be no change in customer rates.

On July 26, 2024, the Commission issued a Compliance Acknowledgement Letter confirming that the Report complies with Order 10/04.

On July 29, 2024, The Energy Project (TEP) filed a letter requesting the Commission issue a revised Compliance Acknowledgement Letter after consideration of Public Counsel's July 29, 2024, response letter.

After consideration of the timely filed response from Public Counsel, The Commission confirms that the Report filed by Avista on March 29, 2024, complies with Order 10/04.

JEFF KILLIP Executive Director and Secretary