

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,**

Complainant,

v.

**AVISTA CORPORATION d/b/a AVISTA
UTILITIES,**

Respondent.

**DOCKETS UE-170485 & UG-170486
(Consolidated)**

**COMMISSION STAFF'S REPORT
TO THE COMMISSION ON PROGRESS IN
THE COST OF SERVICE GENERIC PROCEEDING**

October 26, 2018

At the conclusion of Avista's 2017 general case, in Order 07 for Dockets UE-170485 and UG-170486, the Commission directed Staff to report to the Commission its progress in the generic proceeding every three months. Pursuant to Order 07, Staff presents the following information on the progress made in the COS Generic Proceeding.

On July 19, 2018, the Commission filed a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) to address cost of service studies for investor owned utilities in the State of Washington. On July 23, 2018, the Commission filed a Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments based on the questions identified by the stakeholders in previous workshops. Responses to the comments were due by August 31, 2018.

The Commission received five sets of comments from multiple parties addressing the Commission's questions. Staff is currently working on reviewing these comments and addressing the concerns of individual stakeholders. Based on this information, Staff is working with a broader rulemaking team to develop a set of proposed draft rules concerning cost of service presentation and process going forward.

In addition, a technical workshop has been scheduled for December 3, 2018, at 9:30 to discuss various topics.