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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS
(By Wednesday, August 1, 2023, at 5 p.m.)**

Re: Avista Corporation's d/b/a Avista Utilities 2023 Gas Integrated Resource Plan (**Docket UG-220244**) and 2023 Electric Integrated Resource Plan Progress Report (**Docket UE-200301**)

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) seeks feedback on Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities (Avista or Company) final 2023 Gas Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) and 2023 Electric Integrated Resource Plan Progress Report (Progress Report). Comments are due by **5 p.m. on August 1, 2023**.

INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLANS

How do electric and gas utilities decide on future energy resources for their customers?

An IRP shows a utility company's long-term energy resource strategy. IRPs describe how future customer needs will be met at the lowest reasonable cost to ratepayers.

Utilities must give the Commission:

- an electric IRP every four years, with an IRP progress report two years later;¹ and
- a gas IRP every two years.²

An electric IRP progress report must update the following pieces of an electric utility's most recent electric IRP completed two years prior:

¹ WAC 480-100-625(4).

² WAC 480-90-238(4).

- the load forecast;
- the assessment of energy efficiency and other demand-side resources;³
- resource costs;
- the portfolio analysis and preferred portfolio;
- any additional items due to changing state or federal requirements, or significant changes to economic or market forces; and
- any elements also found in the utility’s current clean energy implementation plan.⁴

Similarly, Commission rule describes gas IRP requirements.⁵

Avista filed its [2023 Gas IRP](#) on April 11, 2023. Avista filed its 2023 Electric IRP Progress report in compliance with Commission rules January 3, 2023, and a [2023 Electric IRP for compliance with Idaho requirements June 1, 2023](#). Copies of the documents can be found at both [Avista’s website](#) and online through the Commission’s docket website.⁶ You can ask for hard copies of these documents from Avista.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

When to submit: No later than **5 p.m. on August 12023**.

What to submit: The Commission prefers comments in electronic format (.pdf or Microsoft Word). This increases public access, reduces the need for paper, and makes it easier to access quotations from the comments.

How to submit: Please submit comments to the Commission’s [Web portal](#) or by email to the Commission’s Records Center at recordscenter@utc.wa.gov. Please include:

- The docket numbers – UG-220244 and UE-200301.⁷
- Your name. If you represent an organization, please include that information.
- The topic and date of the comments.

³ Demand-side resources include resources like demand response, rooftop solar, and energy efficiency that are typically located at the customer’s location rather than at a centralized utility-scale facility. For more information, see statutory definitions of “conservation and energy efficiency resources,” “demand response,” and “distributed energy resource” in [RCW 19.405.020](#).

⁴ [WAC 480-100-640](#).

⁵ [WAC 480-90-238](#).

⁶ [Link to 2023 Gas IRP docket](#); [Link to 2023 Electric docket](#).

⁷ Docket UG-220244 for the 2023 Gas IRP; Docket UE-200301 for the 2023 Electric IRP Progress report.

Keep in mind: The Commission posts all comments it receives electronically on its website (www.utc.wa.gov), generally within 24 hours. **Please include Docket(s) UG-220244 and/or UE-200301 to make sure you are placed on the right service list.**

If you have questions: If you have questions for Avista, contact the Company's electric IRP contacts James Gall and John Lyons at Jame.Gall@avistacorp.com and John.Lyons@avistacorp.com, respectively. Questions for the Company's gas IRP should be directed to Tom Pardee at Tom.Pardee@avistacorp.com. or by calling 509-495-2189. If you have questions for Commission Staff, contact Jennifer Snyder by email at jennifer.snyder@utc.wa.gov or by calling 360-664-1311. **When asking about Avista's IRP, please refer to Docket(s) UG-220244 and/or UE-200301.**

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