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NOTICE OF BENCH REQUEST
(Due by Thursday, November 21, 2019, at 5 p.m.)

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

TO AVISTA CORPORATION:

BENCH REQUEST No. 21

- A. In Exh. MTT-6T, Mark Thies testified that he believes rating agencies are watching this case “extremely closely” (MTT-6T at 12:9). According to Thies, both Moody’s and S&P cite “the regulatory environment in which a regulated utility operates as the dominant qualitative factor to determine a company’s creditworthiness.” (*Id.* at 12:15-16).

Please provide copies of: (1) the actual Moody’s and S&P rating reports and articles referenced in testimony, and (2) all ratings reports for Avista Corporation issued between February 9, 2015, and October 31, 2019.

Please respond to this Bench Request no later than **5 p.m. on Thursday, November 21, 2019**, by electronic filing with the Commission’s Records Center. Please provide courtesy copies by email to Administrative Law Judge Nelli Doroshkin at nelly.doroshkin@utc.wa.gov. If you have any questions concerning these requests, please contact Judge Doroshkin at 360-664-1163 or via e-mail.

/s/ *Nelli Doroshkin*
NELLI DOROSHKIN
Administrative Law Judge

Cc: All Parties