

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	DOCKET UE-240006
)	DOCKET UG-240007
Complainant,)	
v.)	
AVISTA CORPORATION, d/b/a AVISTA UTILITIES,)	AVISTA CORPORATION'S
)	MOTION FOR A PARTIAL WAIVER
Respondent.)	OF WAC 480-07-510
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1 COMES NOW, Avista Corporation (hereinafter "Avista" or the "Company"), pursuant to WAC 480-07-370, requests a partial waiver of WAC 480-07-510 insofar as it requires the filing of paper copies within one business day of the electronic filing made by Avista on January 18, 2024. Because of weather-related delays affecting the couriers of the paper documents, a complete set of paper documents will not arrive at the Commission offices until Monday, January 22, 2024, instead of Friday, January 19, 2024, as required.

2 On Wednesday, January 17, 2024, one day prior to when Avista filed the above-captioned case electronically (Thursday, January 18, 2024), it tendered seven (7) paper copies of the filing to Federal Express (FedEx), meant for delivery on the filing date (Thursday, January 18, 2024), one day in advance of the paper requirements set forth in WAC 480-07-510 (hence "over-complying"). Avista was notified by Federal Express that it could not, in fact, make a delivery on January 18, 2024, so out of an abundance of caution, Avista mailed out an additional five (5) paper copies of the filing on that same day (Thursday) using an alternative courier, United Parcel Service (UPS), so as to still accomplish next day delivery to the Commission. UPS, however, was only able to deliver four of the five boxes containing the paper filing to the Commission on Friday, January 19, 2024,

omitting to deliver the remaining box, in order to make the paper filing complete.

3 For these reasons, Avista respectfully requests a limited waiver of WAC 480-07-510, to
allow an extra business day (i.e., Monday, January 22, 2024) to complete the proper filing. Avista
made every reasonable effort to fully comply with the rule, but for reasons beyond its control, was
unable to fully meet the “next business day” requirement of WAC 480-07-510.

4 Avista believes no party will be harmed by this delayed delivery. The Commission and all
likely parties have received electronic access to the filing on a timely basis, allowing for immediate
review of the filing for compliance and other purposes.¹

5 WHEREFORE, Avista requests a limited waiver of the “next business day” proper filing
provision of WAC 480-07-510, to allow for the filing of such paper copies no later than Monday,
January 22, 2024.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 19th day of January, 2024.

/s/ David J. Meyer

David J. Meyer, Vice President and Chief Counsel
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cc: Judge Michael Howard, Director, Administrative Law Division & Administrative Law Judge
Service List

¹ Please note that the effective date of the proposed tariffs is February 21, 2024, with a request to immediately suspend this effective date until the end of the statutory suspension period – i.e., December 21, 2024 (to coincide with the expiration of Avista’s current Two-Year Rate Plan).