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Amanda Maxwell, Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 621 Woodland Square Loop SE P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98503-7250

Re: Washington Utils. and Transp. Comm'n v. Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities

Dockets UE-220053 and UG-220054

Dear Ms. Maxwell:

This letter is to notify the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) that Regulatory Services staff of the Commission will require additional time to conduct its review of the filing in the dockets referenced in the subject line above.

Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities filed a general rate case with the Commission on Friday, January 21, 2022. When a general rate case is filed with the Commission, Regulatory Services staff reviews the filing to ensure it complies with the Commission's filing requirements for general rate cases. Pursuant to WAC 480-07-141 (Commission receipt of a document is not filing or acceptance), a filing generally is deemed accepted and filed unless the Commission identifies a deficiency in the filing and provides notice of noncompliance within five business days. In extraordinary circumstances, that time may be extended.

As described in the attached Declaration of Kristen Hillstead, Regulatory Services staff has been unable to access the filing until this afternoon, two business days after the date that the case was originally filed. Due to these extraordinary circumstances, Regulatory Services staff will require additional time to review the filing. Regulatory Services staff will complete its review within five business days from the date it has been able to access the electronic files and commence its review. This means that, if the review reveals no deficiencies, the filing may be deemed accepted and filed at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 1st, 2022.

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Sincerely,

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