BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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| WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,  Complainant,  v.  AVISTA CORPORATION, d/b/a AVISTA UTILITIES,  Respondent. | DOCKETS UE-120436/UG-120437  (*consolidated)*  NOTICE OF APPEARANCE  ON BEHALF OF THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION STAFF |

1. TO: DAVID W. DANNER, Executive Director and Secretary, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, Washington, 98504-7250; and
2. TO: PARTIES OF RECORD:
3. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE UNDERSIGNED hereby enter their appearance as counsel for the Staff of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission in the above-entitled matter, specifically reserving all rights including those relating to jurisdiction, and request that all further motions, notices, pleadings, and other papers in this proceeding be served upon them at the following address:

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