BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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DAVID J. MEYER

REPRESENTING AVISTA CORPORATION

CLAIM OF CONFIDENTIALITY
I, David J. Meyer, represent Avista Corporation. I am Vice President and Chief Counsel for Regulatory and Governmental Affairs for Avista Corporation (“Avista” or “Company”) and I am appearing on its behalf in this proceeding.

I make this claim of confidentiality pursuant to WAC 480-07-160(4)(a) because Avista, through its supporting exhibits and workpapers provided in the above captioned docket, is disclosing certain information that is CONFIDENTIAL and constitutes VALUABLE COMMERCIAL INFORMATION as defined by WAC 480-07-160(2) and protected under WAC 480-07-160 and RCW 80-04-095.

Any printed information Avista provides will, as required under WAC 480-07-160, be marked as “Designated information is confidential per WAC 480-07-160”, submitted on yellow paper, and will be provided under separate cover. The electronic information Avista provides will be reproduced separately on a thumb drive and will also be marked as “Designated information is confidential per WAC 480-07-160”.

The confidential information that Avista is disclosing can be classified as information pertaining to contract prices, terms and conditions, risk management practices, and plant operation data, and, as such, comprises valuable commercial information. In addition, Avista has a licensing agreement with Energy Exemplar for the use of their Aurora Electric Market Model software package used by the Company to determine power supply costs and can only be shared with licensed users. Avista also asserts that the aforementioned information is confidential in that certain contract information is prohibited, by the contract terms, from public disclosure.
I am of the opinion, therefore, that this information is “CONFIDENTIAL,” as defined by WAC 480-07-160, and should be protected from public inspection, examination and copying.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 20th day of January, 2022.

/s/ David J. Meyer

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