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**STATE OF WASHINGTON
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August 20, 2020

NOTICE MODIFYING DATE FOR ENTRY OF DECLARATORY ORDER

and

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO REVISED PETITION

(By Friday, September 11, 2020)

RE: *In the Matter of the Petition of Avista Corporation for a Declaratory Order Approving the Avoided Cost Methodology for Power Purchases from Large Qualified Facilities per WAC 480-106-050(5), Docket UE-200455*

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On June 26, 2020, Avista Corporation (Avista or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a Petition for Declaratory Order (Petition) in Docket UE-200455. The Petition requests that the Commission approve Avista's proposed avoided cost rate methodology for power purchases from large qualified facilities of greater than five megawatts pursuant to WAC 480-106-050(5). On June 26, 2020, the Commission issued a notice inviting interested persons to respond to the Petition by July 20, 2020.

On August 6, 2020, Avista filed a revised Petition. Because the revised Petition contains substantive changes to Avista's proposed avoided cost rate methodology, the Commission construes it as a new petition for the purposes of calculating the timeframe for filing responses and establishing a date by which the Commission must take action.

Pursuant to Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-07-930(3), any person may respond to a petition for declaratory order by filing a response within 20 days after the petition is filed or at such other time as the Commission may establish by notice. By this Notice, the Commission establishes a deadline of Friday, September 11, 2020, for interested persons to file a response.

By statute and Commission rule, the Commission must take one of four specified actions within 30 days of receiving a petition for declaratory order.¹ One such action is to set a specified time within 90 days of the date the petition was filed by which the Commission will enter a declaratory order.²

By this Notice, the Commission sets a date by which it will enter a declaratory order.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that any interested person may file a response to Avista Corporation's revised Petition for Declaratory Order by Friday, September 11, 2020.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that it will enter a declaratory order in response to Avista Corporation's revised Petition no later than November 4, 2020, at 5 p.m.

/s/ Rayne Pearson

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¹ RCW 34.05.240(5); WAC 480-07-930(5).

² RCW 34.05.240(5)(c); WAC 480-07-930(5)(c).