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December 19, 2017

NOTICE OF CHANGE TO SCHEDULED RECESSED OPEN MEETING (Now set for Wednesday, January 10, 2018, at 2:00 p.m.) and NOTICE OF POTENTIAL EX PARTE COMMUNICATION

RE: Avista Corporation, Report identifying its ten-year achievable electric conservation potential and its electric biennial conservation target, Docket UE-171091;

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Avista Corporation, Dockets UE-170485 and UG-170486 (Consolidated);

Avista Corporation, Annual natural gas conservation plan, Docket UG-171090

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.075, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) hereby provides notice that its scheduled recessed open meeting set for December 20, 2017, at 1:30 p.m. has been changed to **Wednesday**, **January 10**, **2018**, at **2:00 p.m**. The meeting will convene at its usual location in the Commission's Hearing Room, located on the 2nd floor of the Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.

The recessed open meeting may be heard telephonically by calling the Commission's teleconference bridge line at (360) 664-3846 at 2:00 p.m.

Questions regarding the change in schedule may be addressed to Lisa Wyse, Records Center Manager, at (360) 664-1259 or lwyse@utc.wa.gov.

NOTICE OF POTENTIAL EX PARTE COMMUNICATION

TO ALL PARTIES:

On May 26, 2017, Avista Corporation (Avista or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a general rate case in Consolidated Dockets UE-170485 and UG-170486.

On November 1, 2017, Avista filed with the Commission its 2018-2019 Biennial Conservation Plan in Docket UE-171091.

On November 6, 2017, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity to Comment on Avista Corporation's Report Identifying its Ten-Year Achievable Conservation Potential and Its Biennial Conservation Target Pursuant to RCW 19.285.040 and WAC 480-109-120, and Notice of Recessed Open Meeting, which was first set for December 20, 2017, at 1:30 p.m. (Notice), and rescheduled for **Wednesday**, **January 10**, **2018**, **at 2:00 p.m**. (Notice). The Notice invited Commission staff (Staff) and interested persons to comment on the Company's ten-year achievable conservation potential or its biennial conservation target by December 1, 2017.

In response testimony filed on October 27, 2017, Staff argued that electric to gas conversions for residential or multi-family new construction should not be included as part of the Company's 2018-2019 Biennial Conservation Plan. In comments filed on December 1 in Docket UE-171091, Staff reiterated its position as set out in its response testimony.

Due to the overlap between Staff's testimony in Avista's general rate case and Staff's comments related to the Company's 2018-2019 Biennial Conservation Plan, the Commission finds it appropriate to give this notice, effectively inviting all parties to Avista's general rate case to participate in the recessed open meeting on Wednesday, January 10, 2018, at 2:00 p.m., to prevent any ex parte communication.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That the parties in consolidated Dockets UE-170485 and UG-170486 are invited, along with other interested persons, to participate in the recessed open meeting set for Wednesday, January 10, 2018, at 2:00 p.m., in Room 206, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.

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Executive Director and Secretary