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NOTICE SUSPENDING CERTAIN FILING REQUIREMENTS

RE: Wash. Utils. & Transp. Comm'n v. Avista Corp., d/b/a Avista Utils., Dockets UE-200900 & UG-200901 (Consolidated)

In the Matter of the Petition of Avista Corp., d/b/a Avista Utils., for an Accounting Order Authorizing Accounting and Ratemaking Treatment of Costs Associated with the Company's Wildfire Resiliency Plan,

Docket UE-200894 (Consolidated)

TO ALL PARTIES:

On October 30, 2020, Avista Corporation, d/b/a Avista Utilities, (Avista or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective electric and natural gas service tariffs, Tariffs WN U-28 and WN U-29, in Dockets UE-200900 and UG-200901 that are designed to effect a general rate increase for its electric and natural gas services (general rate case, or GRC), and also an accounting petition in Docket UE-200894 for costs associated with its wildfire resiliency plan (Petition). On December 23, 2020, the Commission entered Order 04/01, consolidating the three dockets.

On December 21, 2021, the Commission entered its Prehearing Conference Order; Notice of Hearing, which established the filing requirement that all parties must file an original and three (3) paper copies of all unredacted versions of filings with the Commission in these consolidated proceedings.

On May 19, 2021, Public Counsel requested that this requirement be waived due to ongoing difficulties caused by the COVID-19 public health crisis that limited Public Counsel's in-office time and availability. In light of the ongoing COVID-19 public health crisis and the challenges presented for filing paper copies of all filings with the Commission, the Commission determines that the requirement of parties to file an original and three (3) paper copies of all unredacted filings in these consolidated proceedings should be suspended.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE it finds good cause to suspend the requirement that parties must file an original and 3 paper copies of all unredacted filings in these consolidated proceedings.

Andrew J. O'CONNELL Administrative Law Judge