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July 12, 2024

**NOTICE OF RECESSED OPEN MEETING**  
**(Set for Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.)**

**Re:** In the Matter of Day-Ahead Markets, Docket UE-240537

Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities (Avista)  
PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company (PacifiCorp)  
Puget Sound Energy (PSE)

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:**

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) will hold a recessed open meeting on August 7, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., to hear from regulated electric utilities about their status in evaluating day-ahead markets.

The Commission further asks that Avista, PacifiCorp, and PSE respond to the following questions and requests for information in their responses and be prepared to discuss these at the recessed open meeting:

*Day-Ahead Markets*

1. Has your utility made a decision about joining a day-ahead market? If so, please explain the rationale for that choice?
2. If your utility has not already made a decision on joining a day-ahead market, what is your utility's decision timeline for joining such a market?
3. If your utility has already made a decision about joining a day-ahead market, please provide an update as well as any additional information available about costs, etc.
4. What is the most significant barrier to making a determination?
5. If your utility has not already made a decision on joining a day-ahead market, what metrics are being used to assess whether or not to join a day-ahead market and to decide which market to join?

6. If your utility has not already made a decision on joining a day-ahead market, what resources (i.e., third-party studies, internal studies) and sources of data are being leveraged to inform these decisions?
7. How will joining a day-ahead market affect customer rates?
8. What are the operational changes expected by your utility as a result of joining either day-ahead market option?
9. What is your assessment of the current efforts of the Pathways Initiative to create a unified west-wide day-ahead market?
10. What are you expecting in terms of costs and benefits of joining a market?
  - a. As all three utilities are currently participating in the California Independent System Operator's (CAISO) Energy Imbalance Market, or EIM, if you are considering joining a different market than the CAISO Extended Day Ahead Market (EDAM), what additional costs will the utility incur by joining a different market? Are there any undepreciated or sunk costs incurred by leaving the CAISO EIM?
  - b. What are the additional costs of remaining in the CAISO EIM and joining EDAM?
  - c. What operational benefits and savings will result from joining a market? Are there projected net benefits if your utility joins a market different from the CAISO EIM and EDAM? How are you calculating these benefits?
  - d. What staffing changes may be necessary as a result of joining a market?
11. What changes to reliability and resource adequacy planning do you expect as a result of joining a market? Are there additional costs or impacts as a result of changing reliability coordinators? Will the utility remain committed to the Western Resource Adequacy Program regardless of which market the utility joins?

## MEETING PARTICIPATION

The Commission will hold this recessed open meeting in person and virtually via Zoom. The in-person meeting will be held at Commission Headquarters, Commission Hearing Room (Room 110), 621 Woodland Square Loop S.E., Lacey, Washington. To participate by phone, call (253) 215-8782, and enter Meeting ID: 816 1703 6134 and Passcode: 078982. To participate in the meeting using Zoom on a computer or mobile device, [click here to join the meeting](#).

If you want to be included on the interested persons' contact list, please submit your request to the Commission's Records Center at [records@utc.wa.gov](mailto:records@utc.wa.gov) and include which docket number and company you are interested in. The docket numbers are at the top of this notice and are case numbers the Commission uses to keep track of various filings.

The Commission is committed to providing reasonable accommodation to participants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for the recessed open meeting, please contact the Commission at least one business day prior to the meeting by calling (360) 664-

1132 or by sending an email to [human\\_resources@utc.wa.gov](mailto:human_resources@utc.wa.gov). For TTY service, please call the Washington Relay Service at (800) 833-6384 or 711.

If you wish to participate and need an interpreter, one will be provided at no cost to you. If you need an interpreter, please contact the Commission at least one business day prior to the meeting by calling (360) 664-1149 or by sending an email to Stacey Brewster at [stacey.brewster@utc.wa.gov](mailto:stacey.brewster@utc.wa.gov).

If you have questions regarding this recessed open meeting, you may contact Crystal Oliver, Section Manager, Energy – Rates and Services, at [crystal.oliver@utc.wa.gov](mailto:crystal.oliver@utc.wa.gov) or (360) 664-1279.

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