

**BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of)	DOCKET UE-230214
)	
AVISTA CORPORATION d/b/a AVISTA UTILITIES,)	THE ALLIANCE OF WESTERN ENERGY CONSUMERS' NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF PETITION FOR
Energy Recovery Mechanism Annual Review for 2022 and Proposed Tariff for Surcharge of Overall Deferral Balances.)	ADJUDICATION
_____)	

1 The Alliance of Western Energy Consumers (“AWEC”) hereby submits its Notice of Withdrawal of Petition for Adjudication of Avista Utilities’ (“Avista” or “Company”) Energy Recovery Mechanism (“ERM”) because a settlement agreement has been reached among interested stakeholders to this proceeding.¹

2 AWEC filed its Petition for Adjudication on June 5, 2023. As discussed more fully in AWEC’s Petition for Adjudication, AWEC petitioned for adjudication due to the short timeline to review Avista’s filing and the inability to fully investigate its concerns with Avista’s filing, given Avista’s decision not to agree to an extension of time to more thoroughly review this case. On June 14, 2023, Commission Staff filed an Answer to AWEC’s Petition for Adjudication, in which it indicated that it neither supported nor opposed AWEC’s Petition but recommended that the Commission adopt interim rates should it decide to commence adjudication. On June 21, 2023, AWEC, Staff, Public Counsel and Avista met to discuss

¹ AWEC notes that WAC § 480-07-380(3) requires a party to seek permission from the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (“Commission”) in order to withdraw once an adjudicative proceeding has commenced. Because the Commission has not taken action on AWEC’s Petition for Adjudication, AWEC determined that a motion for permission to withdraw is not necessary. If, however, the Commission determines that a motion for permission to withdraw is required, AWEC respectfully requests that the Commission consider this notice to be such a motion.

potential paths forward for this proceeding that would strike a workable balance for each party. Those discussions resulted in the parties agreeing to a two-year amortization period for the ERM balance beginning on July 1, 2023 in exchange for AWEC's withdrawal of its Petition for Adjudication. Two-year amortization beginning on July 1, 2023 also obviates the Commission's need to make a decision on Staff's proposal for interim rates. In accordance with these discussions, Avista filed a revised ERM tariff on June 22, 2023, reflecting the settlement agreement. As such, AWEC submits this Notice of Withdrawal of its Petition for Adjudication in this proceeding.

3 AWEC has conferred with Staff, Avista and Public Counsel on this notice and no party objects to the withdrawal of AWEC's Petition in light of the settlement agreement reached and Avista's revised ERM filing.

Dated this 23rd day of June, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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