
BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

AVISTA CORPORATION d/b/a AVISTA
UTILITIES,

Respondent.

Docket Nos. UE-240006 and UG-240007

**PETITION FOR LEAVE TO
INTERVENE OF WALMART, INC.**

1. Pursuant to WAC § 480-07-355, Walmart, Inc. (“Walmart”) hereby petitions the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (“WUTC” or “Commission”) for leave to intervene in the above-referenced docket as intervenors with full party status, as described in WAC § 480-07-340. The business address of Walmart is:

Walmart Stores, Inc.
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Bentonville, Arkansas 72716-0550

2. Walmart will be represented in this proceeding by Parsons Behle & Latimer. All documents relating to this proceeding should be served on Walmart’s attorney and business representatives at the following addresses:

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3. The administrative rules at issue are WAC § 480-07-340, -355.

4. As shown on Walmart’s website, Walmart operates 64 retail units, two distribution centers, and employs over 23,000 associates in Washington. In fiscal year ending 2023, Walmart purchased \$2.8 billion worth of goods and services from Washington-based suppliers, supporting over 34,000 jobs.¹ Walmart is a large retail customer of Avista Corporation, d/b/a/ Avista Utilities (“Avista”), owning and operating seven stores in Avista’s Washington service territory. Collectively, these facilities consume over 21.7 million kWh on an annual basis, primarily on the Large General Service rate class.

5. Walmart has a direct, immediate, and substantial interest in Avista’s proposed new rates and this proceeding as a customer of Avista. The interests of Walmart will not be adequately represented by any other party to this proceeding.

6. The rates Walmart pays for electric service from Avista in Washington will be affected by a Commission decision in this proceeding.

7. Walmart has not yet determined the extent of its participation or the precise nature of the relief it will request but anticipates participating in this matter to the extent necessary to ensure its interests in Washington are protected. The interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of this proceeding will not be impaired by the grant of Walmart’s Petition to Intervene.

¹ <https://corporate.walmart.com/about/washington>

Neither will Walmart's participation unnecessarily broaden the issues or burden the record in this proceeding. Thus, it is in the public interest to allow Walmart to intervene in this proceeding.

8. WHEREFORE, Walmart respectfully requests that the Commission enter an Order granting Walmart permission to intervene in this docket and to participate to the full extent allowed by the law so that it may appropriately represent its interests as circumstances warrant in this proceeding.

DATED this 15th day of February, 2024.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I hereby certify that on this 15th day of February, 2024, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing document, **PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE OF WALMART, INC.**, to be served via electronic mail, to the following:

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