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RE: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Avista Corporation, d/b/a Avista Utilities, Docket UE-240891

Executive Director Killip:

Pursuant to WAC 480-07-880(4),¹ Commission Staff submits this letter in response to the revised tariff pages filed by Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities (Avista) on December 20, 2024, in compliance with Order 01 of Docket UE-240891.

On October 31, 2024, Avista filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) proposed revisions to its rates under electric Tariff WN U-28, Schedule 99 – Colstrip Tracker. This matter came before the Commission at its December 19, 2024, Open Meeting.

On December 20, 2024, the Commission entered corrected Order 01 in the above referenced docket.² In Order 01, the Commission found that the tariff revisions Avista filed on October 31, 2024, might injuriously affect the rights and interests of the public,³ but found good cause to allow the proposed rates to go into effect on January 1, 2025, subject to later review and refund pending the Commission's final determination in this matter.⁴ Accordingly, Order 01 directed Avista to file revised tariff pages, no later than December 23, 2024, with an effective date of

¹ WAC 480-07-880(4) states that "Commission staff must...file a response to the compliance filing within five business days from the date it is filed or by such other deadline as the commission may establish. Any such response must be limited to the issue of whether the filing complies with the commission order."

² *Wash. Utils. & Transp. Comm'n v. Avista Corp. d/b/a Avista Utils.*, Docket UE-240891, Order 1 (Dec. 20, 2024) (hereafter Order 01).

³ Order 01, 3 ¶ 12.

⁴ Order 01, 3 ¶ 7.

January 1, 2025, indicating that the revised rates are subject to refund pending the Commission's final determination of this matter.⁵

On December 20, 2024, Avista filed compliance tariff sheets in Docket UE-240891, as required by Order 01. Commission Staff (Staff) has reviewed Avista compliance tariff revision and is satisfied that the revised tariff pages include the added language required by Order 01. Therefore, Staff finds that the compliance tariff revision filed by Avista on December 20, 2024, satisfies the terms of Order 01 directing Avista to file revised tariff pages.

Commission Staff therefore recommends that the Commission issue a compliance acknowledgement letter pursuant to WAC 480-07-880(5) indicating that the filing appears to comply with Order 01 and allowing the revised tariff pages filed by Avista on December 20, 2024, to become effective on January 1, 2025.

Sincerely,

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⁵ Order 01, 4 ¶ 20.