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**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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**WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,**

**Complainant,**

v.

**AVISTA CORPORATION d/b/a AVISTA  
UTILITIES,**

**Respondent**

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Docket Nos. UE-220053 and UG-220054  
(*Consolidated*)

**LATE FILED PETITION FOR LEAVE  
TO INTERVENE OF WALMART INC.**

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

Walmart Inc.  
2608 Southeast J Street  
Bentonville, Arkansas 72716-0550

2. Good cause exists for granting Walmart’s late-filed petition. Walmart learned of the opening of this docket late and after retaining counsel, has filed its petition as expeditiously as possible. Even though the prehearing conference has been held, no other proceedings have taken place in this matter as of this filing. Walmart will accept any and all decisions that were made pursuant to the prehearing conference.

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

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4. The administrative rules at issue are WAC § 480-07-340, -355.
5. Walmart is a large retailer with 66 retail units in Washington with over 23,000 associates.<sup>1</sup> Walmart is a commercial customer of Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities (“Avista”), owning and operating 8 stores within Avista’s Washington service territory.
6. 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.
7. The rate Walmart pays for electric service and gas service from Avista in Washington will be affected by a Commission decision in this proceeding.
8. 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.

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<sup>1</sup> <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.

9. 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 16th day of February 2022.

/s/ Vicki M. Baldwin

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Docket No. UE-220053 and UG-220054

I hereby certify that on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022, I caused to be served, a true and correct copy of the foregoing **LATE FILED PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE OF WALMART INC.** via electronic mail, to:

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