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July 16, 2021

**NOTICE OF BENCH REQUEST**  
**(Due by July 28, 2021)**

RE: *Wash. Utils. & Transp. Comm'n v. Avista Corp., d/b/a Avista Utils., Dockets UE-200900 & UG-200901 (Consolidated)*  
*In the Matter of the Petition of Avista Corp., d/b/a Avista Utils., for an Accounting Order Authorizing Accounting and Ratemaking Treatment of Costs Associated with the Company's Wildfire Resiliency Plan, Docket UE-200894 (Consolidated)*

Bench Request No. 11 is directed to the Settling Parties.

**BENCH REQUEST NO. 11:**

In the Settlement, the Settling Parties “agree to include EIM capital and expenses in base rates as proposed by Avista.”<sup>1</sup>

- (a) Avista witness Andrews’s testimony, Exh. EMA-1T at 28:14-16 and Exh. EMA-6T at 15:1-14, states that portions of the 3.17, 3.18, and 3.19 pro forma adjustments are provisional and related to projects that are estimated to be in service after the rate effective date.

In Avista’s revised response to BR-1, “200900-01-894-AVA-RevisedBR1-Att-A-06-18-2021,” spreadsheet “ADJ DETAIL-INPUT,” columns AX and AY, Avista’s electric revenue requirement model identifies and separately states the traditional and provisional portions of pro forma adjustment 3.18. Please simply confirm that the provisional portion of pro forma adjustment 3.18 identified in Avista’s response to BR-1 is the correct understanding of the Settling Parties.

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<sup>1</sup> Settlement at 4, ¶ 10.

- (b) Avista witness Andrews's testimony, Exh. EMA-1T at 29:16-23, outlines the review process for the provisional portion of the pro forma adjustments, including pro forma adjustment 3.18.
- (i) Please confirm whether the Settling Parties agree to the review process outlined in Andrews's testimony identified in (b), above, for the provisional portion of pro forma adjustment 3.18 and indicate whether the Settling Parties agree or expect a prudence determination to occur immediately after completion or in Avista's next GRC.
  - (ii) Would that review process for the provisional portion of pro forma adjustment 3.18 agreed by the Settling Parties in the Settlement also apply to other provisional adjustments if the Commission approves any other provisional adjustments?
  - (iii) Please provide a non-binding estimate of when the Company expects it might file its next GRC. If the Company's next GRC is filed more than a year after the effective date of this case, will Avista provide an annual report on any provisional pro forma adjustments approved by the Commission consistent with the Used and Useful Policy Statement?

Please respond to the above bench request **no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 28, 2021**, by electronic filing with the Commission's Records Center. Please provide courtesy copies by email to Judge O'Connell at [andrew.j.oconnell@utc.wa.gov](mailto:andrew.j.oconnell@utc.wa.gov).

If you have any questions concerning these requests, please contact Judge O'Connell via e-mail.

/s/ *Andrew J. O'Connell*  
ANDREW J. O'CONNELL  
Administrative Law Judge

cc: All Parties