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SENT VIA WEB PORTAL

Mark L. Johnson
Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
Lacey, Washington 98503

Re: *WUTC v. Avista Corp.*, 2020 General Rate Case
Dockets UE-200900 and UG-200901, and UE-200894
Public Counsel Response to Commission Staff's Motion to Strike

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Public Counsel submits the following response to the Motion to Strike ("Motion") filed by Commission Staff on July 27, 2021.

Public Counsel supports Staff's Motion to strike portions of Avista's response to Bench Request 11. Public Counsel agrees with Staff that Avista's new proposals are nonresponsive to the Bench Request. Additionally, Avista's responses directly address the contested issue of how far out past the test year certain costs should be recovered. Public Counsel agrees with Staff that Avista's response inappropriately introduces new testimony regarding the issue in the guise of a bench request response.

Public Counsel also supports Staff's request that, if the Commission declines to strike Avista's nonresponsive proposals, parties should be permitted two additional pages in their briefs to address the proposals.

Sincerely,

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