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NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE
(Scheduled for Friday, May 17, 2019, at 1:30 p.m.)

Re: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Avista Corporation*, Dockets UE-150204 and UG-150205 (*Consolidated*)

TO ALL PARTIES:

On August 7, 2018, the Court of Appeals, Division II (Court) reversed the final order of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) in these consolidated dockets, which determined that the rates to be charged by Avista Corporation (Avista or Company) as a result of this proceeding were fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient.¹ The Court concluded that the Commission’s “use of an attrition adjustment to calculate Avista’s rate base violated RCW 80.04.250.”² The Court reversed and remanded the case to the Commission “for recalculation of Avista’s electric and natural gas rates.”³

The Commission will convene a prehearing conference to hear the parties’ proposals on the appropriate procedure for resolving the issues on remand, and to establish a procedural schedule. Specifically, the Commission seeks to address whether the remand proceeding should be consolidated with Avista’s next general rate case filing, or whether potential exists to resolve the remand proceeding without the need for consolidation. The Commission encourages the parties to work together in advance of the prehearing conference to address these issues.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That it will conduct a prehearing conference to address the appropriate procedure on remand and to establish a procedural schedule on Friday, May 17, 2019, beginning at 1:30 p.m., in Room 206, Second Floor, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.

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¹ *Att’y Gen.’s Office, Pub. Counsel Unit v. Wash. Utils. & Transp. Comm’n*, 4 *Wn.App.2d* 657 (2018).

² *Id.* at 657.

³ *Id.*