

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

AVISTA CORPORATION d/b/a
AVISTA UTILITIES,

Respondent.

DOCKETS UE-220053 and
UG-220054 (*consolidated*)

RESPONSE OF COMMISSION
STAFF TO WALMART'S LATE-
FILED PETITION TO INTERVENE

1 Pursuant to the Notice of Opportunity to Respond that the Washington Utilities and
Transportation Commission (Commission) served February 17, 2022, Commission Staff
provides this response to the Late-Filed Petition to Intervene of Walmart Inc. (Walmart).

2 The Commission held a prehearing conference in this proceeding February 14, 2022.
On February 16, 2022, Walmart file a Petition to Intervene in the proceeding referenced
above. Later that day, Walmart filed a Late-Filed Petition to Intervene. The Commission's
intervention rule provides that the Commission may grant a petition to intervene made after
the prehearing conference on a showing of good cause, including a satisfactory explanation
of why the person did not timely file a petition to intervene. WAC 480-07-355(1)(b).

3 In its Late-Filed Petition to Intervene, Walmart explained why the petition was filed
late. Further, Walmart noted that no further proceedings have taken place yet in this matter
and committed to accept any and all decision made pursuant to the prehearing conference.
On this basis, Staff does not object to Walmart's late intervention.

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Respectfully submitted,

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