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Amanda Maxwell, Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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RE: *Compliance Filing- Avista Corporation – Commission Order 08/05, in Dockets UE-200900, UG-200901 and UE-200894 (consolidated); Capital expenditure report for Wildfire Resiliency Plan and Energy Imbalance Market (EIM) investments for the period ending December 31, 2021.*

Dear Executive Director and Secretary Maxwell:

On January 14, 2022, Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities (Avista or the Company), filed its capital expenditure report for its Energy Imbalance Market (EIM) investments for the period ending December 31, 2021, per Commission Order 08/05 (Order 08), in Docket UE-200900. As explained by the Company in the cover letter accompanying its January 14, 2022, filing, Order 08 requires that Avista file quarterly expenditures reports as a necessary condition of allowing a provisional portion of proforma rate base in customer rates. For Wildfire, these quarterly expenditure reports will be used in a retrospective review of the plan's results to include the prudence of the Company's expenditures in Avista's next GRC.

EIM

The rates approved in Order 08 include EIM capital expenditures totaling \$17.8 million with an in-service date of March 2, 2022. As of December 31, 2022, Avista reports an updated forecast of total EIM capital expenditure of \$16.6 million. Avista attributes the majority of the \$1.2 million variance on contingency funds included in the Company's original forecast which went unspent. The Company also reports that its EIM implementation is on schedule for March of 2022.

Staff finds that Avista has complied fully with the compliance requirements for EIM outlined in Paragraph 38 of Order 08.

WILDFIRE

The previous report filed on October 15, 2021, provided Wildfire Resiliency Plan capital expenditures for the period ending September 30, 2021, completing the Wildfire reporting requirement.¹ According to the

¹ Dockets UE-200900, UG-200901, UE-200894 (Consolidated), Final Order 08/05 at Page 85, ¶ 253.

Company, the actual system wildfire net rate base through September 30, 2021, was \$9.980 million which is \$574,000 more than the amount authorized in rates.

Staff finds that Avista has complied fully with the compliance requirements for Wildfire Resiliency Plan capital expenditures outlined in Paragraph 439 of Order 08.

Sincerely,

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