

Agenda Date: August 11, 2022  
Item Numbers: A1, A2, and A3

**Dockets:** UE-220400, UE-220405, and UE-220410  
**Companies:** Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities  
PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company  
Puget Sound Energy

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### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends the Commission invite Companies (Avista, PacifiCorp, and Puget Sound Energy) and interested persons to comment on the annual renewable portfolio standard reports in Dockets UE-220400, UE-220405, and UE-220410, particularly the use of biomass and qualified biomass, as they relate to the Energy Independence Act.

### **Discussion**

Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities (Avista), PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company (PacifiCorp), Puget Sound Energy (PSE), each filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) an annual renewable portfolio standard (RPS) report by June 1, 2022. Commission staff (Staff) filed comments on July 11, 2022. During Staff's review and discussion with the companies, several biomass-related issues were revealed, which raised issues regarding the interpretation of biomass and qualified biomass as described in Washington statute and rule.<sup>1</sup> Staff believes a discussion will be beneficial before Staff presents its recommendation on the 2022 Annual RPS Reports.

### **Comments**

No public comments were submitted on any of the electric investor-owned utilities' 2022 Annual RPS Reports.

### **Conclusion**

Staff will present a recommendation on the electric investor-owned utility 2022 Annual RPS Reports during an Open Meeting at a later date.

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<sup>1</sup> See RCW 19.285 and WAC 480-109.