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Jeff Killip
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Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
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RE: UE-220400 – Avista’s Request for Final 2022 RPS Compliance Determination

Dear Mr. Killip:

Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities or (Avista or the Company), respectfully requests a determination of compliance for its 2022 Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) Compliance Report.

On May 31, 2022, in compliance with RCW 19.285, (Initiative 937 (I-937) or the Washington Energy Independence Act), the Company submitted its 2022 RPS Report demonstrating its compliance with the renewable energy component of I-937.

In the RPS Report, Avista reported that, as of January 1, 2022, it had 839,421 megawatt-hours of incremental electricity from qualified hydroelectric upgrades, qualified biomass, solar, and wind generation available for its use in 2022 net of renewable energy certificate sales when the report was submitted. All of the hydroelectric facilities listed in the Company’s RPS Report are located in the Pacific Northwest, and all are owned by a qualifying utility. All hydroelectric efficiency improvements listed in Avista’s RPS Report were completed after March 31, 1999. Avista has demonstrated that, as of January 1, 2022, it had the right to use 839,421 megawatt-hours of eligible renewable resources, as defined in RCW 19.285.030(12)(a), RCW 19.285.030(12)(b), RCW 19.285.030(3) and RCW 19.285.030(12)(d) in 2016.

On September 15, 2022, per Order No. 01 in Docket No. UE-220400, the Commission provided the following:

- (1) The Commission accepts the calculation of 839,421 megawatt-hours as the 2022 renewable energy target for Avista Corporation.

- (2) Avista Corporation has identified eligible renewable resources sufficient to supply at least 15 percent of its load for 2022.
- (3) Avista Corporation has complied with the June 1, 2022, reporting requirements pursuant to WAC 480-109-210.
- (4) Avista Corporation’s final compliance report must list certificate numbers for every renewable energy credit that Avista Corporation retired in the Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System and details about which certificates were used for its voluntary renewable programs in 2022.
- (5) The Commission Secretary is authorized to accept or approve a filing that complies with the requirements of this Order.

Per the Commission Order, the Company now seeks a final compliance determination regarding its 2022 compliance. As described in the Company’s RPS Report, it has met its 2022 target using qualified hydroelectric upgrades, eligible biomass and wind Renewable Energy Credits (RECs).

The qualifying RECs associated with the hydroelectric upgrades, qualified biomass, solar, and wind generation used for 2022 compliance are permanently retired in WREGIS and are described in the following table which is inclusive of the 20% apprentice bonus credit for Palouse and Rattlesnake Flat Wind and the 100% credit for distributed solar credit for Boulder Park Solar:

Renewable Energy for Avista’s 2022 Compliance

Generator Plant – Unit Name	Resource Type	Total Number Eligible Renewable Resources (MWh)
Cabinet Gorge Units 2 – 4	Hydro	57,506
Noxon Rapids Units 1 – 4	Hydro	78,981
Little Falls Unit 4	Hydro	2,015
Long Lake Unit 3	Hydro	12,319
Nine Mile Units #1 – 2	Hydro	37,567
Kettle Falls	Biomass	191,360
Boulder Solar	Solar	131,388
Palouse Wind	Wind	327,635
Rattlesnake Flat Wind	Wind	650
Total		839,421

The Company retired the qualifying RECs listed above and has included the WREGIS certificate numbers and screen shots from WREGIS as proof of retirement for 839,421 MWh to the Commission in Attachment A.

The REC certificate numbers and screen shots for the 36,958 MWh retired on behalf of Avista's voluntary My Clean Energy/Buck-A-Block and 34,809 MWh from Adams-Neilson Solar for the Solar Select program are included as Attachments B through D to this filing.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact John Lyons at 509-495-8515 or myself at 509-495-2782.

Sincerely,

/s/ Shawn Bonfield

Sr. Manager of Regulatory Policy & Strategy