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NOTICE OF POTENTIAL EX PARTE COMMUNICATION

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Avista Utilities d/b/a Avista Corporation,*
Dockets UE-220053 and UG-220054 (*Consolidated*)

TO ALL PARTIES:

Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 80.28.425(1) requires all electric and natural gas companies regulated by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) to include in every general rate case filing a proposal for a multiyear rate plan. The statute also requires the Commission to “conduct a proceeding to develop a policy statement addressing alternatives to traditional cost of service ratemaking, including performance measures or goals, targets, performance incentives, and penalty mechanisms.” On October 11, 2021, the Commission initiated a proceeding as directed in Docket U-210590.

On January 21, 2022, Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities (Avista or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a general rate case in consolidated Dockets UE-220053 and UG-220054 that proposes a two-year rate plan consistent with RCW 80.28.425(1). When approving a multiyear rate plan, the Commission is required by statute to determine a set of performance measures that will be used to assess the utility’s operations.¹

On February 11 and March 4, 2022, the Commission provided notice that it will convene a virtual workshop in Docket U-210590 on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. to begin discussing performance measures for regulated utilities.

¹ RCW 80.28.425(7).

Because performance measures will be addressed as part of the Commission's evaluation of Avista's proposed multiyear rate plan, the Commission issues this notice to invite all parties to Avista's general rate case to participate in the virtual workshop in Docket U-210590 to prevent any ex parte communication.

Due to the limitations on in-person gatherings during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission will hold the workshop virtually. Commission headquarters will not be open to the public for in-person participation. Interested persons may listen to the meeting via Zoom by calling (253) 215-8782 and using Meeting ID 992 9579 7002# and the Passcode 402344#. To participate in the meeting using Zoom on a computer or mobile device, [click here to join the meeting](#). If you wish to be placed on the interested parties contact list, please submit your request to the Commission's Records Center at records@utc.wa.gov.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That the parties in consolidated Dockets UE-220053 and UG-220054 are invited, along with other interested persons, to participate in the Commission's virtual workshop in Docket U-210590 set for Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.

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Executive Director and Secretary