

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

AVISTA CORPORATION,

Respondent.

DOCKET UE-240891

NOTICE OF PREHEARING
CONFERENCE

**(Set for March 6, 2025, at
9:30 a.m.)**

- 1 On October 31, 2024, Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities (Avista or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) proposed revisions to its rates under electric Tariff WN U-28, Schedule 99 – Colstrip Tracker. The revised tariff sheets bear an effective date of January 1, 2025. In its filing, Avista seeks to revise Schedule 99 rates to reflect forecasted costs for Colstrip Units 3 and 4 for calendar year 2025. Notably, Avista’s proposed rates reflect full recovery (over one year) of all plant investments expected to be placed in service in calendar years 2024 and 2025.
- 2 The revisions to Schedule 99 rates would increase Avista’s annual revenues by approximately \$18 million, or 2.7 percent. A typical residential customer using 945 kWhs per month would see an increase of \$4.47 per month, or 4.1 percent.
- 3 This matter came before the Commission at its December 19, 2024, Open Meeting.
- 4 On December 20, 2024, the Commission issued Order 01 Complaint and Order Allowing Rates Subject to Later Review and Refund; Setting Matter for Adjudication (Order 01) in docket UE-240891. Order 01 set the matter for adjudication.
- 5 **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter under Title 80 Revised Code of Washington (RCW) and has legal authority to regulate electric companies. The statutes that apply to this matter include chapters 80.01 RCW, 80.04 RCW, and 19.405 RCW, including but not limited to RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04.020,

RCW 19.405.060. The rules that apply to this matter include those within chapter 480-100 Washington Administrative Code (WAC), relating to electric companies.

6 The Commission will hear this matter under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), particularly Part IV of chapter 34.05 RCW relating to adjudications. The provisions of the APA that relate to this proceeding include, but are not limited to RCW 34.05.413, RCW 34.05.422, RCW 34.05.431, RCW 34.05.440, RCW 34.05.449, and RCW 34.05.452. The Commission will also follow its procedural rules in chapter 480-07 WAC in this proceeding.

7 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That it will hold a virtual prehearing conference in this matter at 9:30 a.m., on March 6, 2025. To attend via Zoom, please [click here to join meeting](#).¹ To attend by phone, please call (253) 215-8782 and enter the Meeting ID: 853 6595 3004# and Passcode: 327318#.**

8 The purpose of the prehearing conference is to consider requests for intervention, resolve scheduling matters including establishing dates for distributing evidence, to identify the issues in the proceeding, and determine other matters to assist the Commission in resolving the matter, as listed in WAC 480-07-430.

9 **INTERVENTION:** Persons who wish to intervene should file a petition to intervene in writing at least three business days before the date of the prehearing conference. *See* WAC 480-07-355(a). The Commission will consider oral petitions to intervene during the conference, but strongly prefers written petitions to intervene. Party representatives must file a notice of appearance with the Commission no later than the business day before the conference. *See* WAC 480-07-345(2). Any party or witness in need of an interpreter or other assistance should fill out the form attached to this Notice and return it to the Commission. The Commission will set the time and place for any evidentiary hearings at the prehearing conference, on the record of a later conference or hearing session, or by later written notice.

10 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That any party who fails to attend or participate in the prehearing conference set by this Notice, or any other stage of this proceeding, may be held in default under RCW 34.05.440 and WAC 480-07-450.**

11 The names and mailing addresses of all known parties and their known representatives are as follows:

¹ <https://utc-wa-gov.zoom.us/j/85365953004?pwd=FfGrDQtb5XuTFYAYs2aZcxLnD6wxqk.1>

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- 12 The Commissioners of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission and Administrative Law Judges James E. Brown II and Amy Bonfrisco, from the Commission's Administrative Law Division, will preside during this proceeding.²
- 13 The Attorney General has designated Tad O'Neill, Jessica Johanson-Kubin, and Robert Sykes from the Public Counsel Unit of the Washington Attorney General's Office (Public Counsel) to represent the public. You may use the Commission's address shown below for contacting Public Counsel, or you may contact Public Counsel directly by writing or calling the address or telephone number listed below.
- 14 The Commission will give parties notice of any other procedural phase of the proceeding in writing or on the record, as appropriate during this proceeding.

² Judge Brown can be reached at james.brown@utc.wa.gov or (360) 664-1163. Judge Bonfrisco can be reached at amy.bonfrisco@utc.wa.gov or (360) 664-1355.

DATED at Lacey, Washington, and effective February 11, 2025.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



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If you need an interpreter, or have other special needs, please provide the information requested below via email to Stacey Brewster, paralegal, at stacey.brewster@utc.wa.gov:

(PLEASE SUPPLY ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION)

Docket: _____

Case Name: _____

Hearing Date: _____ Hearing Location: _____

Primary Language: _____

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Do you need a certified sign language interpreter:

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