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NOTICE OF POTENTIAL EX PARTE COMMUNICATION

and

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP

(Set for Monday, July 25, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.)

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Avista Corporation, d/b/a Avista Utilities*
In the Matter of the Electric Service Reliability Reporting Plan of Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities
Dockets UE-220053, UG-220054, and UE-210854 (*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 (GRC) 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 Commission a GRC in consolidated Dockets UE-220053 and UG-220054 that proposed a multi-year rate plan.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

¹ On November 11, 2021, Avista filed with the Commission its Electric Service Reliability Reporting Plan in Docket UE-210854 pursuant to Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-100-393, modifying its previous plan. The Commission consolidated Docket UE-210854 with Dockets UE-220053 and UG-220054 pursuant to an unopposed motion to consolidate on May 27, 2022.

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On June 14, 2022, the Commission provided notice that it will convene a virtual workshop in Docket U-210590, on Monday, July 25, 2022, beginning at 9:30 a.m. The Commission hopes to provide prior to the workshop draft guidance on regulatory goals, desired outcomes, and design principals for performance metrics.

At the workshop, participants will have an opportunity to provide feedback and recommendations in response to this guidance, as well as discuss comments provided by participants related to regulatory goals, desired outcomes, and design principles for performance metrics

Because performance measures will be addressed as part of the Commission's evaluation of Avista's proposed multi-year rate plan, the Commission issues this notice to invite all parties to Avista's GRC 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: 824 5499 5434# and Passcode: 907640#. 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, UG-220054, and UE-210854 are invited, along with other interested persons, to participate in the Commission's virtual workshop in Docket U-210590 set for Monday, July 25, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.

AMANDA MAXWELL
Executive Director and Secretary

² RCW 80.28.425(7).