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NOTICE PROVIDING OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT
(By March 10, 2025)

RE: *In the Matter of Avista Corporation D/B/A Avista Utilities*
Dockets UE-210826; UE-140188 & UG-140189

TO ALL PARTIES:

At its August 22, 2024, Recessed Open Meeting, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) considered Avista Corporation's (Avista or Company) compliance with the conservation targets established in its 2022-2023 Biennial Conservation Plan (BCP), which targets Commission approved Order 01 in Docket UE-210826. After considering comments from the Company, Commission staff (Staff), and other interested persons, the Commission waived issuing penalties in Docket UE-210826 and ordered an amendment of Order 05 in consolidated Dockets UE-140188 and UG-140189 along with an amendment to Order 01 in Docket UE-210826.

The Commission amends the language of paragraph 26 of Order 05 in Docket UE-140188 as follows:

28 *Decision.* We find that the decoupling mechanisms presented in the Settlement are in the public interest, will promote the policy goals of increased conservation, and will result in fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient rates. We require that any review of the mechanisms should, at a minimum, include the three above-referenced analyses Mr. Schooley described. Additionally, we require Avista's decoupling evaluation to analyze if allowed revenues from the following rate classes are recovering their cost of service: residential class, non-residential class, and customers not subject to decoupling. Further, we find Avista will be considered in compliance with its biennial acquisition target for cost-effective conservation if events beyond the reasonable control of the utility that could not have been reasonably anticipated or ameliorated prevented it from meeting the conservation target pursuant. Finally, to ensure that the evaluation's

scope is sufficient to provide the Commission and stakeholders with a meaningful review of the new mechanisms, we require Avista to:

The Commission amends the language of paragraph 26 of Order 01 in Docket UE-210826 as follows:

- 26 (12) The Commission should accept Avista’s calculation of its 10-year electric conservation potential of 507,829 MWh; EIA Target of 101,566 MWh; EIA Penalty Threshold of 91,054 MWh; and Decoupling Penalty Threshold of 5,078 MWh; subject to the conditions to this Order as Attachment A. Pursuant to RCW 19.285.040, Avista will be considered in compliance with its biennial acquisition target for cost-effective conservation because events beyond the reasonable control of the utility that could not have been reasonably anticipated or ameliorated prevented it from meeting the conservation target.

It is the Commissioner’s intent that not only will penalty provisions associated with conservation targets apply, but so too will the exemptions in RCW 19.285.040 that a qualifying utility is considered in compliance with its annual target for cost-effective conservation if events beyond the reasonable control of the utility that could not have been reasonably anticipated or ameliorated prevented it from meeting the conservation target.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE If no party objects to the amendments as ordered in Docket UE-210826 the change in this notice will become effective at the conclusion of the comment period.

/s/ Connor Thompson
CONNOR THOMPSON
Administrative Law Judge