

Agenda Date: May 7, 2020
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Docket: U-200380

Staff: Deborah Reynolds, Assistant Director, Conservation & Energy Planning

Recommendation

Issue an order granting staff's petition in Docket U-200380 to relieve Avista Corporation, d/b/a Avista Utilities, PacifiCorp, d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company, and Puget Sound Energy from the June 1, 2020, obligation to file energy and emissions intensity reports under WAC 480-109-300.

Discussion

Commission staff (staff) filed a petition on April 24, 2020, to waive the June 1, 2020, filing requirement for energy and emissions intensity reports (reports) in WAC 480-109-300. The filing requirement applies to all three electric utilities: Avista Corporation, Pacific Power & Light Company, and Puget Sound Energy.

The petition is in the public interest for three reasons. First, the filing deadline is the day before the commission's hearing to adopt new rules in UE-190652, which is a rulemaking revising WAC 480-109-300. Second, the proposed rules require information from a Department of Ecology rulemaking that is not yet complete. Waiving the rule requiring the reports will avoid having the utilities file reports under the old standard. Lastly, the reports cover a 10-year period, so the reports filed in 2021 will include the updated information the utilities would have filed this year.

Staff consulted with the companies, the Northwest Energy Coalition and the Sierra Club prior to filing. They did not object to the waiver. Staff also notified Public Counsel when it filed the petition.

Conclusion

Issue an order granting staff's petition in Docket U-200380 to waive the June 1, 2020, filing requirement for energy and emissions intensity reports in WAC 480-109-300.

Memo Attachment – Staff's petition in this docket