

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

Electric Incident Notice Form

Fulfills requirements per WAC 480-100-383

Utility Company: Avista Corporation
Person Completing Report: Patrick Ehrbar
Reporting person title: Director of Regulatory Affairs

Date Reported: June 29, 2021, Updated July 7, 2021	Time Reported: Approx. 9:30 AM
Date Incident Occurred: June 29, 2021	Time Occurred: Approx. 6:40 AM
Incident Location: Trent Road and Starr Road, Spokane Valley, Washington	

Short description of Incident:

A man was killed Tuesday morning in a head-on crash with an Avista semi truck on Trent Ave near the Washington/Idaho border. According to the Washington State Patrol, the man was driving a Subaru and trying to pass an SUV crossing double yellow lines. Troopers said he made no moves to evade the truck and died on impact. Per discussion with the Investigating Officer, there is no indication of fault by Avista, given the driver attempted a pass in a no-passing zone.

<https://www.kxly.com/fatal-crash-blocking-both-directions-of-sr-290-near-starr-rd/pic/2369407/>

https://www.khq.com/news/crews-responding-to-fatal-crash-near-trent-avenue/article_da1c0b8e-d8e5-11eb-9292-afc8b378457e.html

The man killed was NOT the Avista employee. The Avista employee driving the Semi Truck is shaken up but otherwise uninjured.

July 7, 2021 Update - Dennis A. Hanson, 71, was driving his Subaru Outback east on Trent when he crossed a double yellow centerline to pass another vehicle, according to the Washington State Patrol. That's when Hanson's Subaru and a semitruck traveling the opposite direction collided head on, WSP said. Hanson was pronounced dead on scene.

<https://www.spokesman.com/stories/2021/jun/29/one-dead-after-semi-truck-and-car-collision-on-tre/>

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Incident resulted in:		Comments
Injuries:	Yes	Number injured: 1 (same as deceased)
Fatalities:	Yes	Number deceased: 1
Damage to system or other property:	Yes	Damage to Avista Vehicle by the Subaru attempting a pass.
Outage:	No	No electric facilities affected
Number of customers out:	No	None
Area made safe?	Yes	Washington State Patrol on scene.