# BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

AVISTA CORPORATION D/B/A/ AVISTA UTILITIES

Respondent.

DOCKETS UE-220053, UG-220054, and UE-210854 (Consolidated)

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### **EXHIBIT SC-6C**

Avista's Supplemental Confidential Response to Public Counsel's Data Request No. 103C, with Attachments A, Tabs: IA-1 Updated and IA-2, on insurance costs

July 29, 2022

Shaded Information is Designated Confidential per Protective Order in Docket UE-220053,

**UG-220054**, and **UE-210854** (*Consolidated*)

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## AVISTA CORP. RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

JURISDICTION: WASHINGTON DATE PREPARED: 06/06/2022

CASE NO.: UE-220053 & UG-220054 WITNESS: Mark Thies / E. Andrews

REQUESTER: Public Counsel RESPONDER: Bob Brandkamp / Liz Andrews

TYPE: Data Request DEPT: Risk Management REQUEST NO.: DR 103C Supplemental TELEPHONE: (509) 495-4924

EMAIL: bob.brandkamp@avistacorp.com

**SUBJECT: Insurance** 

## **REQUEST:**

Please:

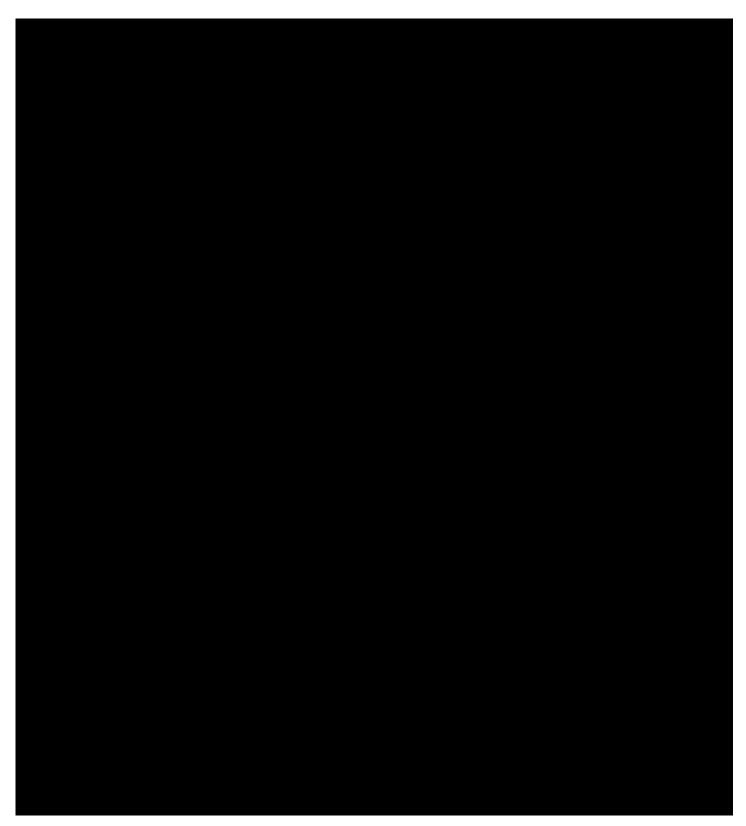
- a) Provide the amount of actual insurance expense incurred each year for 2016 through 2021 and forecasted for 2022, 2023, and 2024 for each insurance policy at the system level and the portion allocated to Washington. Please provide this information in Excel.
- b) In Excel, with formulae intact, show how you arrived at the forecasted expense amounts at total system for each year 2022–2024 and then explain your basis and assumptions for each policy. Please provide supporting data and documentation for your basis and assumptions.
- c) Provide the same information in subpart (b) to this question based on the latest policy premium invoices received.
- d) Explain the specific reasons for the increase in premiums for each policy. Please provide copies of any communications between the Company and insurance agents and insurance carriers where the Company requested justification for the premium increases and the responses received.
- e) Identify what specific actions the Company has taken to lower insurance premiums in the most recent 24 months, including issuing requests for proposals to multiple insurance carriers.
- f) Provide the amount of premium distributions or refunds received from insurance carriers in each year from 2016 to 2021 at the system level and the amount the Company included as an offset to forecasted insurance expense for 2022, 2023 and 2024. Please provide any notices received about premium distribution or refunds to be received in 2022.
- g) Provide the amount of insurance costs charged and deferred to the Balancing account since the inception of the program, the balance of the account at 9/30/2021, 12/31/2021, 12/31/2022, 12/31/2023 and 12/31/2024, and the amount incurred and forecasted to be incurred between these periods. Please provide this information in Excel.
- h) Provide the amount of deferred insurance costs amortized to O&M expense and the portion included in rates as of 9/30/2021, RY1, and RY2 with the supporting calculations in Excel with formulae intact.
- i) Explain fully how the Insurance Expense Balancing Account would work and how a separate tariff would interact with the amounts requested for recovery in RY1 and RY2 in this general rate case.
- j) Does Andrews agree that there is a difference between cost volatility and costs that increase over time?

### **SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE (06/06/2022)**

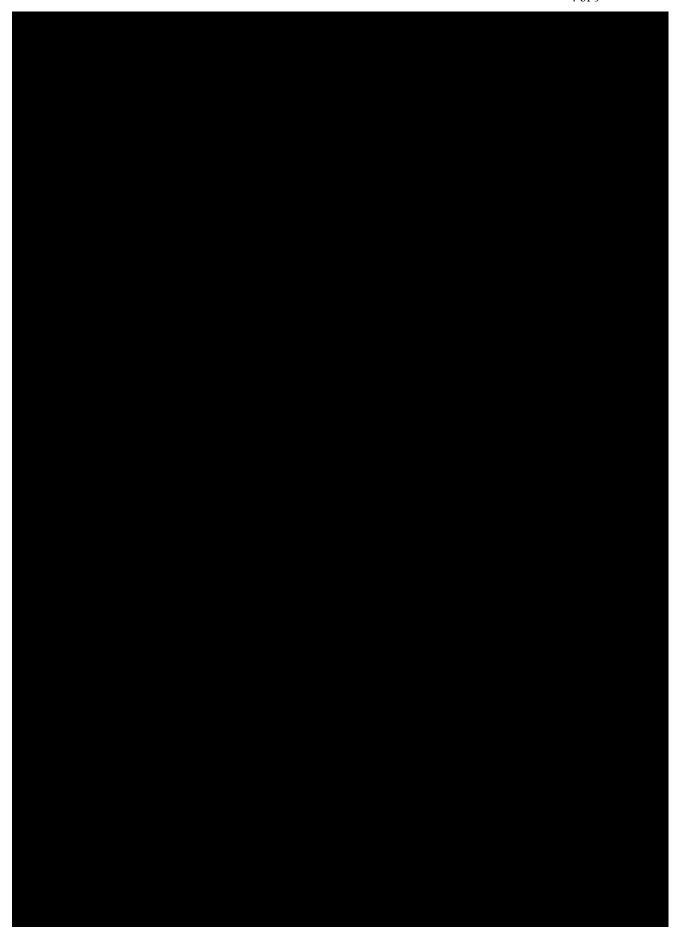
Please note, included in PC-DR-103 Confidential Attachment A are two tabs labeled "IA-1 Updated" and "IA-2" – these tabs contain summary information, and are not confidential.

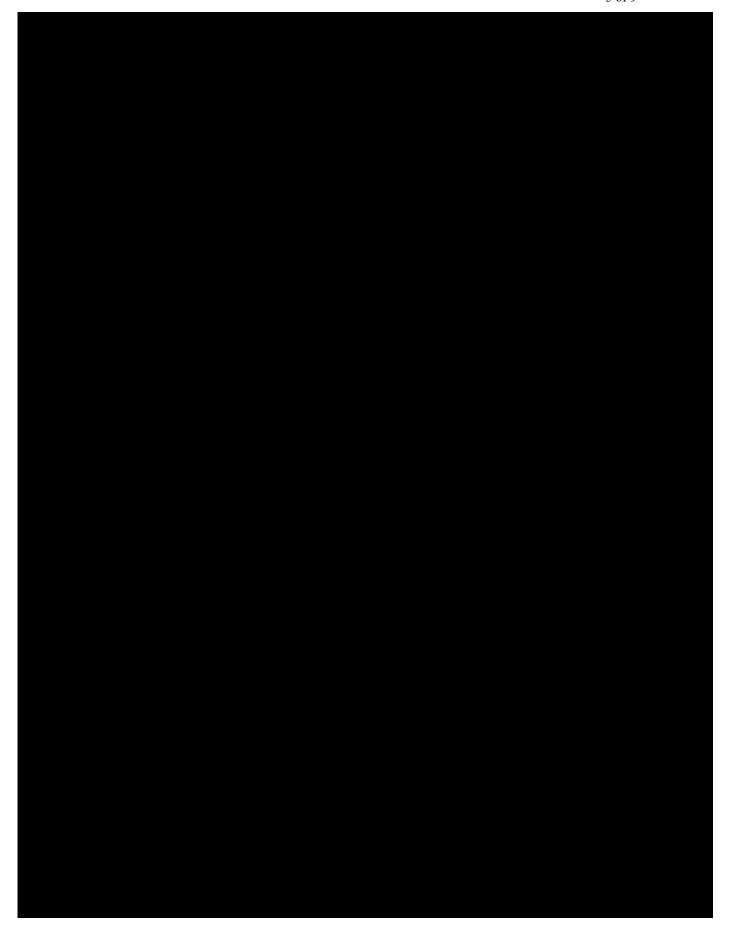
### **RESPONSE:**

The attachment provided with PC-DR-103C is Confidential per the Protective Order in UTC Dockets UE-220053 and UG-220054.









## ATTACHMENT A TO AVISTA'S RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COUNSEL'S DATA REQUEST NO. 103C

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