

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: IN THE MATTER OF AVISTA'S PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION TO
FILE ITS 2019 ELECTRIC INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN; CASE NO.
AVU-E-19-01

On January 30, 2019, Avista Corporation ("Company") filed a Petition seeking an extension of the August 31, 2019, filing date for the Company's 2019 Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP").

THE PETITION

The Company requests a six month extension of its August 31, 2019, IRP filing deadline. Petition at 2. The Company states that there are numerous potentially significant legislative proposals in Washington, Montana, and Oregon that if passed, would have significant impact on the regional electric market. *Id.* at 3. The Company points to proposed legislation in Washington, particularly S.B. 5116 among others, which would require an elimination of coal generation sources serving Washington customers by 2025, 80% carbon-free energy serving Washington customers by 2030, and 100% carbon-free energy serving Washington customers by 2045. *Id.* at 3-4. The Company states that Oregon is considering a cap and trade bill that the Company believes may impact its Coyote Springs 2 generating facility. *Id.* at 4. Meanwhile, Montana House Bill 203 would allow Montana to issue half a billion dollars of bonds to buy Colstrip. *Id.* In sum, the Company states that it would be premature to run IRP models given the high level of legislative uncertainty and requests a deadline that would allow the Company to run its models with inputs that reflect the potentially changed legislative landscape. *Id.*

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission issue a Notice of Petition and Notice of Modified Procedure, with comments due thirty-five days from the issuance of the Notice and reply comments due seven days later.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to issue a Notice of Petition and Notice of Modified Procedure that establishes a thirty-five day comment period and a seven day reply period?



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