

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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FROM: YAO YIN
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DATE: AUGUST 16, 2022

RE: IN THE MATTER OF AVISTA CORPORATION'S COMPLIANCE FILING TO UPDATE AND ESTABLISH ITS CAPACITY DEFICIENCY PERIOD TO BE USED FOR AVOIDED COST CALCULATIONS; CASE NO. AVU-E-22-02.

BACKGROUND

On July 15, 2022, the Commission issued Order No. 35466, approving an updated first capacity deficit date of December 1, 2026, for Avista Corporation dba Avista Utilities ("Company") for calculating the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 ("PURPA") avoided cost rates.

On August 2, 2022, Staff updated the Surrogate Avoided Resource ("SAR") Model and the published avoided cost rates, using the updated capacity deficit information, and sent both the Model and the rates to the Company for verification.

On August 3, 2022, the Company filed a Letter of Agreement with the Commission, agreeing with Staff's calculations.

STAFF ANALYSIS

Because the updated first capacity deficit date was approved on July 15, 2022, Staff believes it is reasonable to approve the published avoided cost rates with a retroactive effective date of July 15, 2022.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission approve the rates with a retroactive effective date of July 15, 2022.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to approve the updated published avoided cost rates, calculated by Staff on August 2, 2022, with a retroactive effective date of July 15, 2022?



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