

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: AVISTA CORPORATION'S APPLICATION FOR AN ACCOUNTING
ORDER FOR ITS WILDFIRE RESILIENCY PLAN;
CASE NO. AVU-E-20-05

On May 29, 2020, Avista Corporation ("Company") filed an Application requesting that the Commission issue an order authorizing the accounting and ratemaking treatment related to the incremental costs the Company will incur due to its Wildfire Resiliency Plan. *Application* at 1.

THE APPLICATION

The Company seeks Commission approval to defer, for later ratemaking treatment, the return on and incremental capital and expenses related to the Company's Wildfire Resiliency Plan until the annual costs and capital investment are included in base rates. *Id.* The Company advises it will, in a future proceeding, request the Commission review the prudence of these matters and set a recovery method for them. *Id.* at 1-2.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission issue a Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure. Staff recommends the Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure set an August 26, 2020, comment deadline for itself and any other interested parties, and a September 2, 2020, reply comment deadline for the Company.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to issue a Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure that establishes an August 26, 2020, comment deadline for Staff and any other interested parties followed by a September 2, 2020, reply comment deadline for the Company?



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