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Public Utility Commission of Oregon
201 High St SE
Suite 100
Salem, OR 97301

RE: AR 601 – Severe Weather Moratorium Comments of Avista Utilities

Attention: Filing Center

Avista Utilities (“Avista” and/or the “Company”) appreciates Staff’s collaborative effort to develop a set of proposed rules for a severe weather moratorium in the state of Oregon. The Company supports the final rules as written and supports their adoption.

Per section (7) of the proposed rules each energy utility is directed to notify the Commission’s Consumer Services Section regarding the weather reporting service it will utilize in each geographic area it serves to comply with the requirements of the rule. Avista currently subscribes to weather forecast data from Schneider Electric for its power and gas supply operations. Avista will utilize daily forecasted weather data from Schneider Electric to make a determination if it must issue a severe weather moratorium as required in the proposed rules. The Company will monitor daily weather forecasts for the following geographic areas within its service territory: La Grande, Klamath Falls, Medford, Grants Pass, and Roseburg.

If you have any questions regarding these comments please contact me at (509) 495-2782.

Sincerely,

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