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Public Utility Commission Oregon  
Attention: Filing Center  
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**Re: Docket No. LC 75 – Avista Utilities 2021 Natural Gas Integrated Resource Plan  
Comments on Staff’s Final Recommendations**

Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities (Avista or the Company), provides the following comments in response to the Oregon Public Utility Commission (OPUC or Commission) Staff Report issued on September 23, 2021, regarding Avista’s 2021 Natural Gas Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) filed in Docket LC 75. Of most importance is that Commission Staff recommends that the Commission acknowledge the Company’s IRP as consistent with the Commission’s IRP guidelines. Avista appreciates Staff’s ultimate recommendation and agrees that the Commission should indeed acknowledge the 2021 IRP.

Commission Staff included within their Report 15 recommendations (or additional action items) for Avista to undertake in the development of its 2023 IRP. The Company has reviewed these recommendations and find all of them as reasonable. The Company will continue to work with stakeholders on the timing of its next IRP and looks forward to continued collaboration in the Company’s resource planning efforts.

Sincerely,

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