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**CORPORATE  
RESPONSIBILITY  
REPORT**





## OUR COMMITMENT TO CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY

At Avista, our vision is to deliver better energy for life. We strive to fulfill that vision by improving the lives of customers through the safe, responsible, and affordable delivery of energy, in a way that is trustworthy, innovative and collaborative.

These guiding principles are founded on a long tradition of corporate responsibility. Whether it is our longstanding commitment to environmental stewardship, the care and support of our people, our dedication to the customers and communities we serve, or our steadfast adherence to principles of ethical governance, we believe that the

integration of corporate responsibility into our business builds trust, forges lasting relationships, strengthens morale, reduces risk, delivers enhanced value to our shareholders, and ultimately enables us to more effectively execute on our vision, mission and strategy.

At its heart, corporate responsibility at Avista is a commitment to manage the social, environmental and economic effects of our operations safely, responsibly, and affordably, while endeavoring to have a positive, lasting impact on the society and environments in which we operate.

We believe that, through these commitments, we can preserve and enhance our environment, provide safe and fulfilling careers to our employees, add value to our customers and communities, and protect the investments of our shareholders. For over 130 years, we recognize that the pursuit of these commitments is not a deterrent but helps us to achieve our business objectives. Simply put, they are one of the many ways that we are delivering on our promise of better energy for life.

# AVISTA'S COMMITMENT AREAS

## OUR COMMITMENT TO OUR ENVIRONMENT

We are committed to conducting our business with respect for the natural resources in the areas we serve, and to addressing the challenges of a changing climate.

## OUR COMMITMENT TO OUR PEOPLE

Our success lies in hiring talented people and setting them free to pursue great ideas—ideas that engage the imagination, stretch us all and ensure that we continue to provide exemplary and cost-effective service to our customers.

## OUR COMMITMENT TO OUR CUSTOMERS AND COMMUNITIES

We are invested in our customers and the communities we serve. We recognize that bringing energy to life extends beyond providing electricity and natural gas for our customers. As employees and as a Company, we are an active partner and advocate that brings energy to strengthening the customers and communities in which we live, work, serve and play.

## OUR COMMITMENT TO ETHICAL GOVERNANCE

We maintain a strong foundation of corporate governance practices that promotes transparency, accountability, and engagement, and that ensures there is complete, transparent, and effective oversight of the affairs of our Company to protect and enhance shareholder value.

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# OUR COMMITMENT TO OUR ENVIRONMENT



## OUR COMMITMENT TO OUR ENVIRONMENT

**We are committed to conducting our business with respect for the natural resources in the areas we serve, and to addressing the challenges of a changing climate. Our efforts and commitments include:**

1. Integrating renewables as part of our commitment to clean energy and carbon emissions reductions, while maintaining reliability and affordable rates for our customers.
2. Engaging in climate policy development to promote environmental stewardship along with economic and community vitality.
3. Driving innovation and technology advancements which increase energy efficiency and/or reduce emissions.
4. Leading energy efficiency and conservation efforts for our customers and within our own system.
5. Improving the sustainability of our business practices and promoting environmental stewardship of our shared natural resources. Avista manages its operations and facilities to preserve and protect our environment.



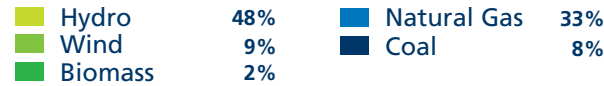
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### CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE

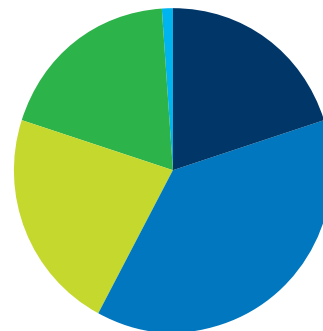
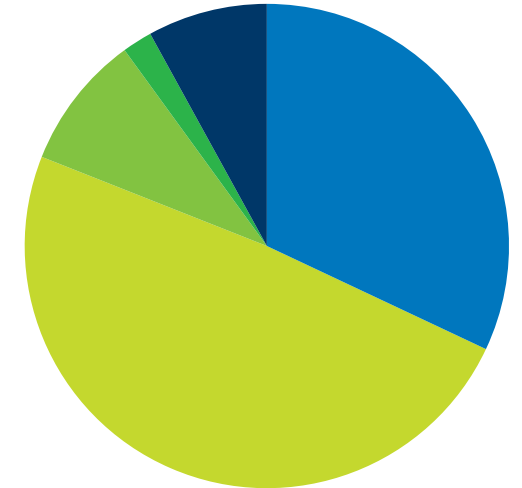
Since Avista’s founding in 1889 as a producer of clean, renewable hydro power, environmental stewardship has meant conducting our business in ways that honor the integrity of the natural resources in the areas we serve. As a leader in clean energy and innovation, we are proud to continue these commitments to environmental stewardship and sustainability as we continue to meet the changing energy needs of our customers and communities. Our aspirational clean energy goals demonstrate that our vision of a clean energy future encompasses both electric and natural gas resources. We are actively working towards reducing greenhouse gases from the energy we deliver to our customers and the communities we serve.

## AVISTA 59% RENEWABLE ENERGY

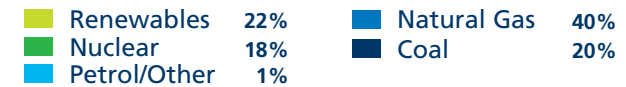
### AVISTA'S RENEWABLES



Electricity Generation Resource Mix As of 12/31/2022—Excludes AEL&P



## US ELECTRIC INDUSTRY 22% RENEWABLE ENERGY<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> U.S. Energy Information Administration 2022 US electric industry generation capability: Renewables 22%, Nuclear 18%, Coal 20%, Natural Gas 40% and Petroleum/Other 1%.

### ASPIRATIONAL CLEAN ELECTRICITY GOAL

Serve our customers with 100% clean electricity by 2045.

### ASPIRATIONAL NATURAL GAS GOAL

To be carbon neutral by 2045.

## CLEAN ELECTRICITY GOAL

Our aspirational clean electricity goal announced in 2019, helps focus our efforts as we continue to meet the energy needs of our customers and communities in both an environmentally responsible, affordable, safe and reliable manner. We have long been recognized by the Natural Resources Defense Council as one of the cleanest power producers in the country when it comes to greenhouse gases. Our electrical generation capability is comprised of 59% renewable energy that includes hydroelectric, biomass, solar and wind resources. As a comparison, the US electric industry’s generation capability is comprised of only 22% renewable energy.<sup>1</sup>

Avista remains committed to meeting the need for reliable and affordable energy while advancing environmental stewardship, and our actions demonstrate these values. To help achieve our

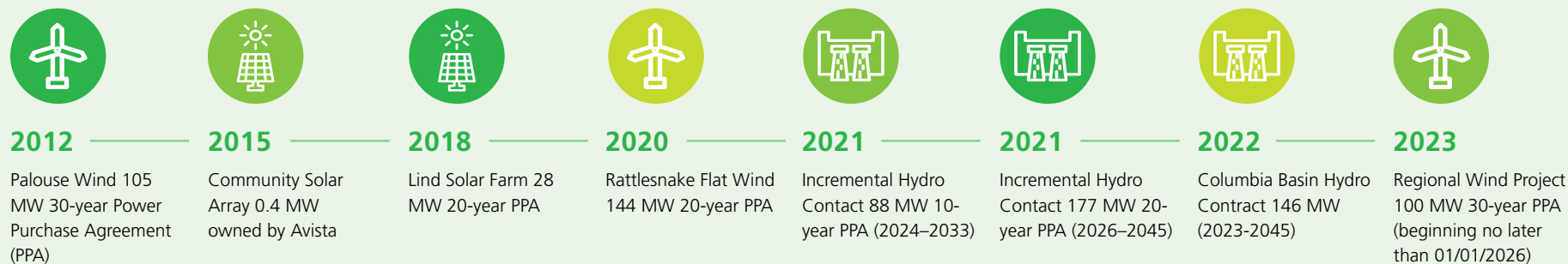
aspirational goal and add to our clean electricity portfolio, we have recently implemented the following renewable energy projects on behalf of our customers:

- 2012 Palouse Wind 105 MW 30-year Power Purchase Agreement (PPA)
- 2015 Community Solar Array 0.4 MW owned by Avista
- 2018 Lind Solar Farm 28 MW 20-year PPA
- 2020 Rattlesnake Flat Wind 144 MW 20-year PPA
- 2021 Incremental Hydro Contract 88 MW 10-year PPA (2024–2033)
- 2021 Incremental Hydro Contract 177 MW 20-year PPA (2026–2045)
- 2022 Columbia Basin Hydro Contract 146 MW (2023–2045)

- 2023 Regional Wind Project 100 MW 30-year PPA (beginning no later than 01/01/2026)

These renewable energy projects were targeted to comply with both the clean energy provisions of Washington’s Clean Energy Transformation Act and to meet projected capacity deficits in both Idaho and Washington. Our intent was to secure the output from renewable generation resources and their associated environmental attributes. Our interest in acquiring these renewable energy resources was to offset market purchases and fossil-fuel thermal generation consistent with Avista’s Electric Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), further reinforcing our aspirational clean electricity goal.

## COMPLETED RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS



<sup>1</sup> U.S. Energy Information Administration 2022 US electric industry generation capability: Renewables 22%, Nuclear 18%, Coal 20%, Natural Gas 40% and Petroleum/Other 1%.



Avista’s IRP, refreshed every two years, shapes our generation resource strategy and planned generation procurements for the following 20 years, resulting in a Preferred Resource Strategy (PRS). The PRS is a reasonable low-cost plan balancing cost, reliability, and environmental goals and mandates. Some highlights of the 2023 IRP and near-term PRS include:

- Exit Colstrip Units 3 & 4 (-222 MW of baseload coal generation) at the end of 2025<sup>2</sup>
- Renewable Energy Plant Upgrades at Post Falls HED and Kettle Falls Biomass (17 MW total)
- Add 200 MW of new wind renewable energy generation in 2030
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- Greenhouse gas emission reductions of 80% from 2021 levels by 2045

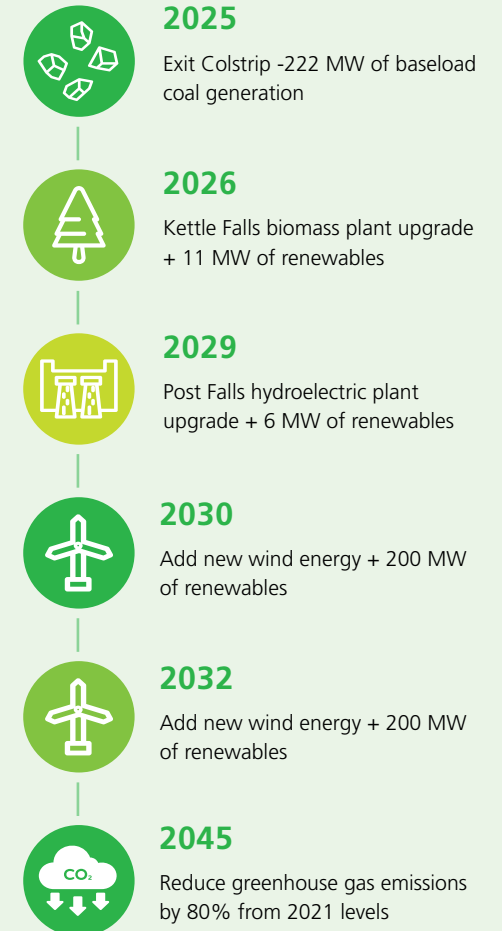
The preferred resource strategy embodied in the IRP is intended to move us closer to achieving our aspirational clean electricity goal.

To achieve our aspirational clean electricity goal, we expect that energy storage and other technologies, which are either not currently available or are not cost-effective under the lowest reasonable cost regulatory standard, will advance such that it will allow us to meet our goal while also maintaining reliability and affordability for our customers. If the required technology is not available or not affordable in the future, we may not meet our goal in the desired timeframe. Meeting our aspirational clean electricity goal may also require accommodation from regulatory agencies insofar as we may need to acquire emission offsets to meet our goal.

For additional information regarding Avista’s aspirational clean electricity goal, scenario constraints and assumptions, please refer to our [2023 Electric IRP](#) and our [2022 Annual Report](#).



### HIGHLIGHTS OF 2023 IRP NEAR-TERM PRS:



<sup>2</sup> Please see Chapter 3 of the [2023 Avista Electric IRP](#) for additional details regarding Colstrip Units 3 & 4 exit from Avista’s generation portfolio by 01/01/2026.

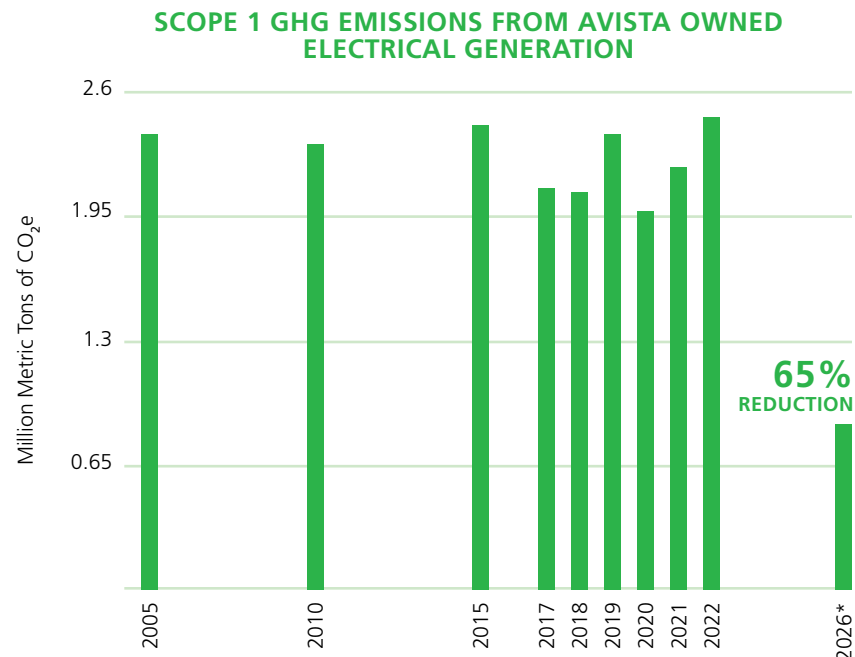
## COAL GENERATION EXITING AVISTA'S GENERATION PORTFOLIO

The Colstrip plant, located in eastern Montana, consists of two coal-fired steam plants (Units 3 & 4). Avista currently owns 15% of Units 3 & 4. Avista's share of Colstrip has a maximum net capacity of 222 MW and represents our only coal-fired generation resource. Beginning on December 31, 2025, our ownership of Colstrip will be transferred to Northwestern Energy and therefore will no longer serve Avista customers. NorthWestern will assume all of Avista's Colstrip ownership along with its related interest in the plant, plant equipment, rights, and obligations.<sup>3</sup>

Avista's exit from the Colstrip plant will significantly reduce our Scope 1 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from Company-owned electrical generation, which is our largest source of GHG emissions. In 2022, Colstrip generation accounted for 65% of these Scope 1 GHG emissions. The chart to the right highlights the impact of this Colstrip exit agreement on our GHG emissions.

<sup>3</sup> Please see Avista's [2022 Annual Report](#), Note 22 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, for further details regarding this agreement.

EMISSIONS YEAR	SCOPE 1 COMPANY OWNED EMISSIONS
2005	2.37
2010	2.32
2015	2.42
2017	2.09
2018	2.07
2019	2.37
2020	1.97
2021	2.20
2022	2.46
2026*	0.86



\*This emissions graph is not a complete representation of our forecasted greenhouse gas emissions' trajectory, as the 2026 figure is for illustrative purposes only. The 2026 illustrative figure is based on the Company's 2022 Scope 1 GHG emissions from owned electrical generation resources and removing 2022 Colstrip Units 3 & 4 emissions for 2026. This emissions graph does not include forecasted energy efficiency and demand response, upgrades to our existing hydroelectric and biomass plants or changes to customer load and regional emission forecasts as detailed in the Company's [2023 Electric IRP](#).

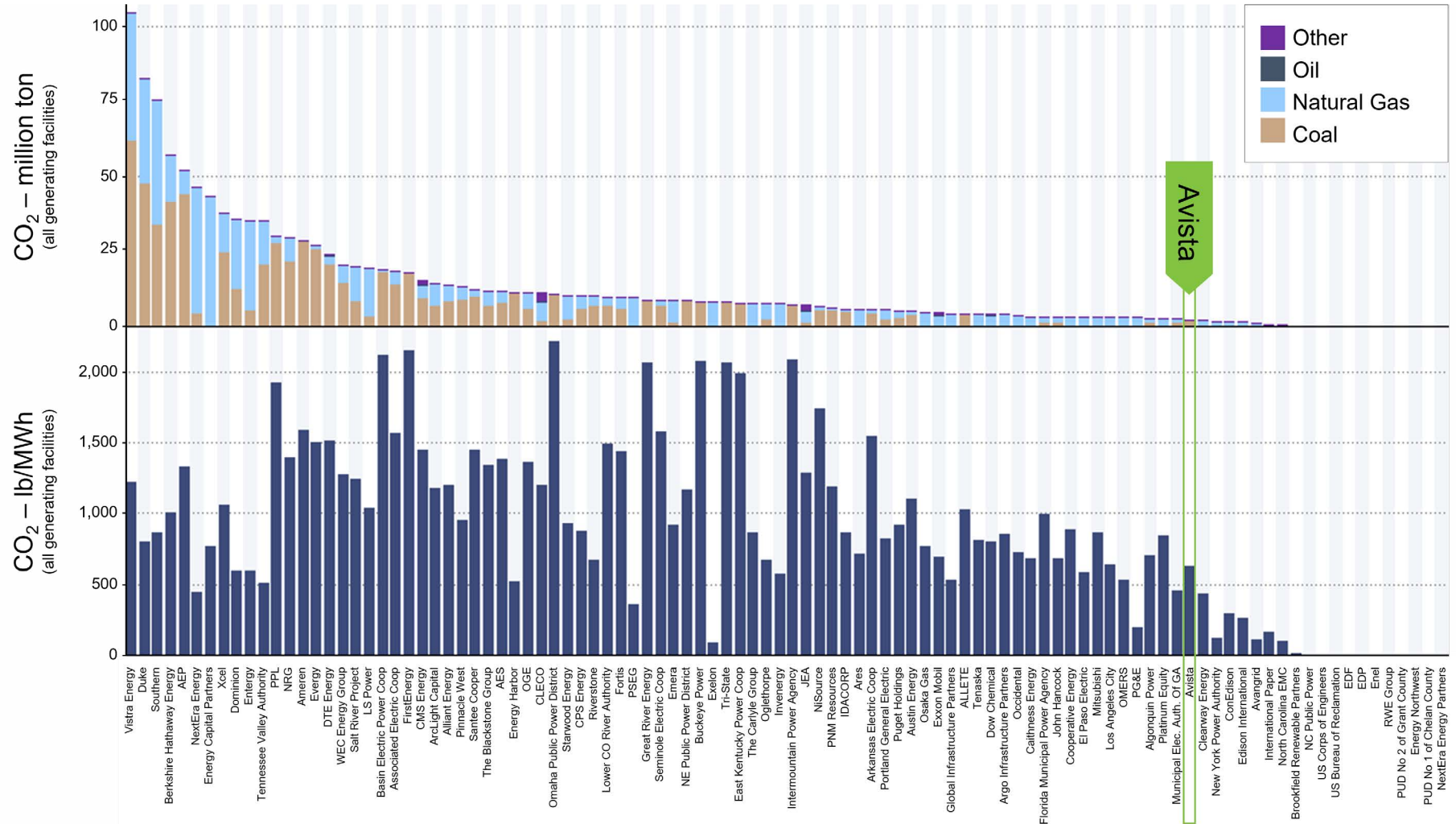
"This transaction is the result of several years of work and discussions among all owners of Colstrip, through which we have looked for commercial solutions that would allow Avista and others to exit Colstrip by the end of 2025, while also meeting the needs of other owners and stakeholders, including NorthWestern and the state of Montana. Avista has been in Montana for decades and will be in Montana long after its exit from Colstrip is completed; thus, it was important to us that

any agreement regarding Colstrip address the needs of Montanans in addition to the needs of our customers and the interests of the states we serve. It is indicative of our commitment to Montana that we have previously committed to contribute \$3 million for the betterment of the Colstrip community's future."

— Jason Thackston, Avista's Senior Vice President and Chief Strategy & Clean Energy Officer

## AIR EMISSIONS OF THE 100 LARGEST ELECTRIC POWER PRODUCERS IN THE US

CO<sub>2</sub>: 2020 total emissions and emission rates



Natural Resources Defense Council: Benchmarking Air Emissions of the 100 Largest Electric Power Producers in the United States (September 2022) [www.nrdc.org](http://www.nrdc.org)

## RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS (RECS)

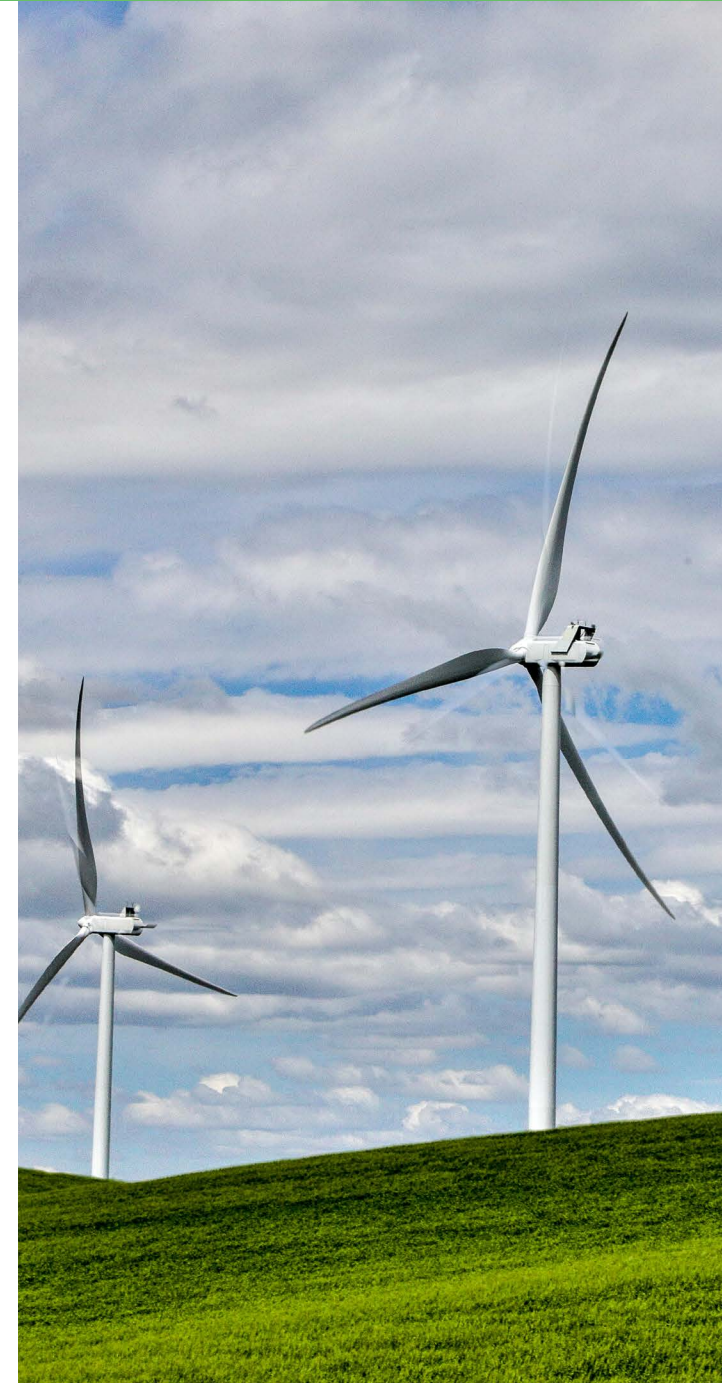
Avista is subject to the Washington State Energy Independence Act, a renewable portfolio standard (RPS). This RPS requires us to obtain a portion of our electricity from qualifying renewable resources or through purchase of RECs. A REC is a market-based instrument that represents the property rights to the environmental, social, and other non-power attributes of renewable electricity generation and are issued when one megawatt-hour (MWh) of electricity is generated and delivered to the electricity grid from a renewable energy resource.<sup>4</sup>

From our qualifying Company owned generation and contracted power purchase agreements, we are awarded RECs each year based on the amount of renewable energy that

we generate and acquire. A portion of these RECs are retained to comply with Washington State's RPS, while the remaining RECs are sold into the open market to offset electricity costs, especially important as a way to minimize rate impacts on our customers as we transition to cleaner electricity.

As we sell RECs into the open market to lower the costs of providing electricity to our customers, we cannot claim all the environmental, social, and other non-power attributes of our renewable electricity. Our overall generation resource mix, calculated by generation potential, does not represent the actual amount or source of electricity delivered to our customers due to proper REC accounting rules. For additional information and yearly Avista fuel mix disclosure reports, please visit the Washington State Department of Commerce [Fuel Mix Disclosure Site](#).

<sup>4</sup> Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) definition provided by the [United States Environmental Protection Agency](#).



## MY CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM



Lower your carbon footprint by joining [My Clean Energy](#):

- It is affordable—green your electricity for as little as \$.01 per kWh
- It is for everyone—whether you rent or own
- No contracts required—start or cancel at any time

### WHAT IS MY CLEAN ENERGY?

An optional solution that offers all Avista electric customers an opportunity to participate directly in the benefits of renewable energy. Participants can green their electricity use with emission offsets that come from either regional or national clean electricity projects. Each option provides you the opportunity to offset some or all the carbon associated with your electric usage depending on your level of participation. Your contributions go towards the purchase of Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) with a mix of wind, solar and other clean generation sources.

## NATURAL GAS GOAL

We have an aspirational natural gas goal to be carbon neutral by 2045. This aspirational goal demonstrates that our vision of a clean energy future encompasses both electric and natural gas resources.

Natural gas has played a key role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the United States as electrical power plants have converted from coal to cleaner burning natural gas. In addition, the direct use of natural gas by customers in their homes is a more efficient use of the energy as compared to its use for generating electricity to meet the same need. And when compared to burning wood, heating oil and other combustible fuel sources, natural gas emits fewer air pollutants. While natural gas may be a cleaner fuel than some other sources, we recognize there is an opportunity to further improve and lower our natural gas emissions going forward.

We have developed a strategy for carbon reduction from our natural gas operations and have identified several pathways to get us there. The three primary pathways included in our strategy are:

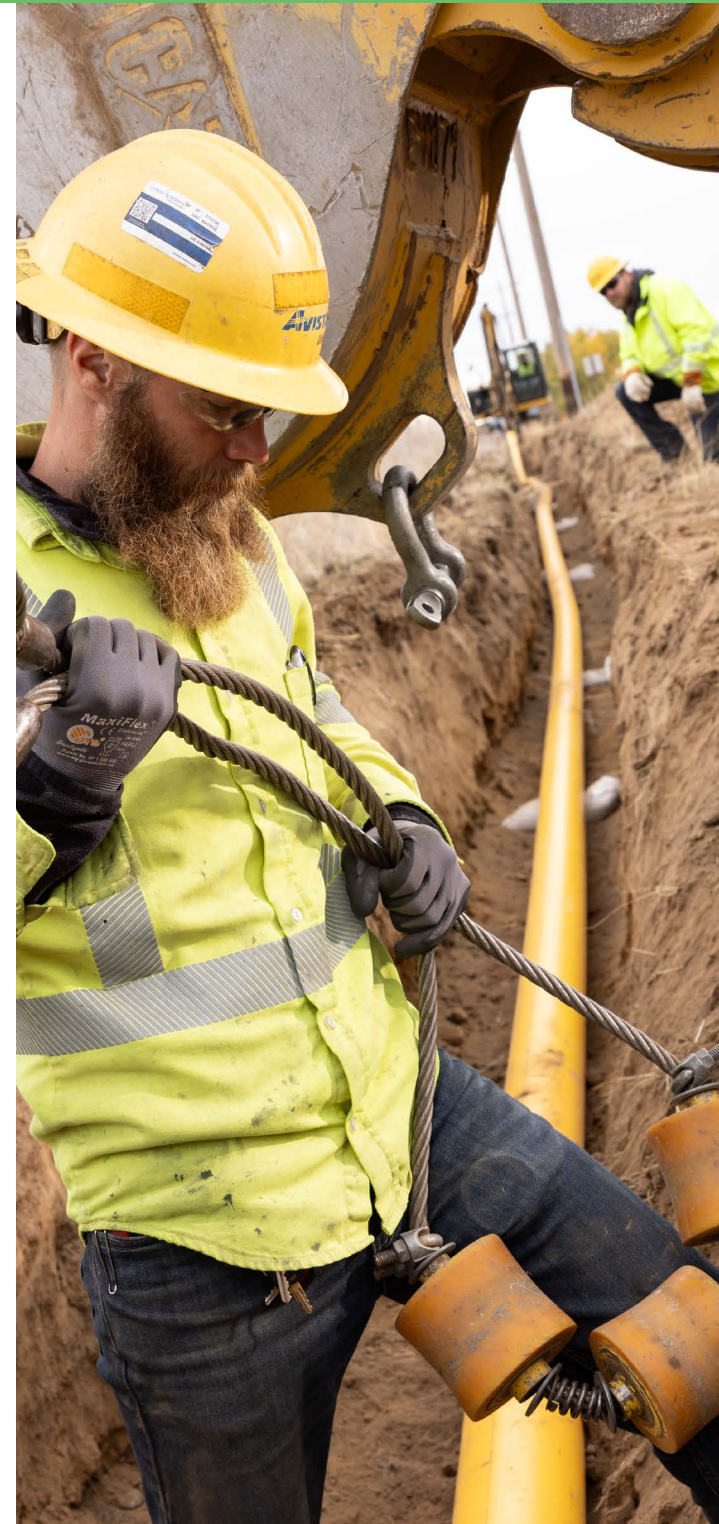
- Diversify and transition from conventional fossil fuel natural gas to renewable natural gas (RNG), hydrogen, and other renewable biofuels
- Reduce consumption via conservation, energy efficiency, and new technologies
- Purchase carbon offsets as necessary

Avista remains committed to meeting the needs for reliable and affordable energy while advancing environmental stewardship, and our actions demonstrate these values. To help achieve our aspirational goal and to reduce our carbon emissions from our natural gas operations, we have been actively pursuing renewable natural gas (RNG) projects in alignment with our strategies.

RNG is derived from organic waste streams that would otherwise release methane to the environment as they decompose. These sources include, for example, landfills, wastewater treatment plants and food waste. RNG is produced by capturing that methane that would otherwise escape to the atmosphere and purifying it to make it very similar to conventional natural gas. Avista has recently entered into long-term purchase agreements to acquire RNG from the following projects on behalf of our customers:

- Richland, WA—projects producing 2.5 million annual therms of RNG (online late 2023)
- Waterloo, IA—project producing 2.6 million annual therms of RNG (online early 2024)
- Elberta, UT—project producing 1.6 million annual therms of RNG (online early 2024)

The total output of these RNG projects on an annual basis is an expected 6.7 million therms of renewable natural gas, which is equivalent to the annual amount of natural gas used by approximately 8,500 of our customers.





Like Avista's Electric IRP, our **Natural Gas IRP** is refreshed every two years and shapes our natural gas procurement strategy, resulting in a Preferred Resource Strategy (PRS) to meet system energy demand and emissions compliance legislation over the next twenty years. This PRS addresses the resources available to meet our customers' natural gas needs and how we will meet emissions compliance in Washington and Oregon.

Both the Oregon Climate Protection Program and the Washington Climate Commitment Act require Avista to meet emissions requirements, which are reflected in the PRS for each state. The current natural gas IRP demonstrates that Avista can meet expected state loads, including in Idaho where customer growth is highest in step with a low carbon transition. This PRS is an important step to ensure that Avista continues delivering reliable natural gas service to our customers.

As with reductions in emissions associated with our aspirational clean electricity goal, reaching our aspirational natural gas goal will require further improvements in costs, technology, and reliability associated with renewable fuels and hydrogen. If these required improvements are not realized or not affordable in the future, we may not meet our aspirational goal in the desired timeframe. Meeting our aspirational natural gas goal may also require accommodation from regulatory agencies insofar as we may need to acquire carbon offsets to meet our aspirational goal.

The natural gas industry has served a vital and essential role in delivering reliable and affordable energy to millions of customers, businesses and industries throughout our country and the world. This industry has evolved and will need to continue evolving to meet the real climate change challenges confronting us all.

We will continue to engage in collaborative, solutions-oriented discussions with stakeholders to retain the benefits of this important energy resource while seeking solutions to address concerns. We anticipate natural gas will be a vital part of our energy mix as we continue our transition to a lower carbon future, and **both our electric and natural gas IRPs** demonstrate the role of natural gas in serving our customers and communities into the future.



## RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS PROGRAM FOR CUSTOMERS

Building on our commitment to diversify and transition from conventional to renewable natural gas (RNG), we offer our customers a voluntary RNG program. Subscribers to this program can reduce their natural gas carbon footprint through the purchase of RNG blocks. This option combines the environmental attributes of renewable energy with the reliability of natural gas to meet the needs of our customers. By investing in new technologies like this voluntary RNG Program, Avista and our customers are leading the energy transformation towards a lower carbon future. For more information regarding our voluntary customer RNG program, [visit us online](#).





## 2 Engaging in climate policy development to promote environmental stewardship along with economic and community vitality.

### OUR PURPOSE

Avista’s purpose starts with providing the energy that powers the daily lives of our customers. We are also here to help improve the quality of life and to enhance the vitality of the communities we serve and call home. As part of this commitment, we have carefully considered how our business intersects with the environment for decades, as witnessed by our strong environmental record and as one of the cleanest power producers in the country. Our aspirational clean energy goals are another important step in environmental stewardship while meeting the energy needs of our customers.

All of us play a role in addressing climate change and being good stewards of our shared resources. As part of this effort, we will continue to work together with our customers, communities and other stakeholders toward a lower carbon future while keeping our system reliable and considering the economic impacts to our customers and communities.

### CLIMATE POLICY ENGAGEMENT

With the growing emphasis on climate change and demands for action, we are witnessing

numerous, and at times, competing measures arising from consumer advocacy groups, environmental groups, federal, state, and local government positions and legislative actions that may affect Avista, and the energy prices paid by our customers.

Through active monitoring and engagement of these emerging issues, we seek to best represent our stakeholders’ interests to ensure that proposed solutions do not adversely impact one stakeholder for the benefit of another or result in required actions that do not represent cost effective solutions for our customers.

Multiple departments within Avista actively work to mitigate risks and pursue opportunities related to climate change and the transition towards a low carbon future. Climate change adds uncertainty to existing risks that we have historically managed and mitigated. These efforts are reflected in our electric and natural gas operations and investments in assets and asset reliability and resiliency across the Company’s operations.

Our Energy Supply staff, as a regular course of business, monitor items such as snowpack and broader precipitation conditions, patterns and modeled or predicted climate change scenarios. These and other assessments are incorporated into [our IRP processes](#). Environmental Affairs, Governmental Affairs and other departments monitor policy and regulatory developments that may relate to climate change to engage these efforts constructively and prepare for compliance matters.



In representing the interests of our customers and communities, we strive for collaborative and respectful interactions with stakeholders during these important climate policy development discussions. This is especially important when proposed measures have a direct bearing on future costs of our customers’ energy. We are there to ensure that all parties recognize the economic realities facing our customers and communities.

## OUR PERFORM COUNCIL

Our Perform Council aids the Company in managing these complex issues. This council meets regularly and is comprised of senior executive leadership, management and other key personnel from departments across the Company to discuss, assess and manage current issues associated with the Company’s performance. A key area of focus for the Perform Council is potential risks and opportunities associated with long-term global climate change.

Among other things, the Perform Council also facilitates internal and external communications regarding climate change and related issues, analyzes policy impacts, anticipates opportunities, evaluates relevant strategies for Avista, develops recommendations on climate related policy positions and action plans, and provides direction and oversight with respect to our aspirational clean energy goals.

In addition to engaging in regulatory and legislative policy making regarding climate change policies, we are preparing for future opportunities related to innovations in electric transportation, distributed generation, and more; all of which can help further

reduce our carbon footprint and the carbon footprint of our customers and communities as well.

Going forward, we will continue to keep our same focus and commitments by placing the interests of our customers and communities at the forefront of our business as we engage in climate policy making. Our approach today is consistent with the way we have done business for well over a century. We believe that all of us play a role in finding solutions to these complex issues, and that innovation and collaboration will remain key strategies as we progress towards our collective goals around climate change.



## INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN (IRP)

Avista’s Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) for electric and natural gas services guides our energy resource acquisition strategies over a 20-year planning horizon. It is also key part of how we plan for and determine how to meet the future energy needs of our customers in a reliable and cost-effective manner. A Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) guides the development of the IRPs. TAC members include customers, Avista staff, consumer advocates, academics, utility peers, government agencies, environmental groups, public utility commission staff and other interested parties.

The TAC provides significant input on modeling, resource assumptions and the general direction of the planning process. Public participation is an important part of the IRP development process. The experience of this group provides a robust forum for the exchange of ideas and discussion of issues and risks that affect the planning process. Regulators ensure that reliability, environmental impact, conservation, efficiency, and cost are factored into the IRP forecasting and the decisions that we implement to support our customers and communities.

# 3

Driving innovation and technology advancements which increase energy efficiency and/or reduce emissions.

## ECO-DISTRICT

Avista set out to create “the five smartest blocks in the world” by creating a place to partner with others to reimagine our energy future, and advance energy innovation. The resulting [Eco-District](#), anchored by the Scott Morris Center for Energy Innovation and the Catalyst building, are intended to show the utility industry—and the world—what’s possible.

Most buildings are constructed one at a time, each with a dedicated heating and cooling system and their own connection to the grid. But Avista and partner McKinstry are evaluating a new shared energy model, called an Eco-District, where a centralized heating, cooling and electrical system can serve the energy needs of a group of buildings.

The heart of the Eco-District is the central power plant located in the Scott Morris Center for Energy Innovation building. This building also includes on-site solar panels, battery and thermal storage, plus thousands of sensors throughout the buildings to track its conditions in real-time.

Located within the Morris Center, Avista’s Energy Innovation Lab is using a real-time grid simulator to help us fast-track the pace of innovation and





accelerate our ability to test new ideas and deploy them with confidence at utility-scale. Innovations like these maintain Avista's reputation as an industry thought leader.

The adjacent Catalyst building, and the Morris Center have been designed from the ground up to interact with each other. They "talk" to each other and with the energy grid. When building operators and utilities share information, they can actively manage energy to maximize the building efficiency and make the best use of the grid—all while keeping the building's occupants comfortable.

The Eco-District acts as a living laboratory, where we can test ideas and gain insights that can help Avista provide reliable, clean and affordable energy for our customers. For example, at night, when energy usage is low, the Eco-District can pull energy from the grid to recharge onsite batteries and thermal storage tanks at times when there is excess grid capacity. This energy is stored and used to operate the building when energy demand is high. Such flexibility lets the utility make the best use of the existing grid.

Ultimately, the Eco-District will enable us to innovate about how best to share energy. What we learn could not only shape how the grid of the future will operate, but also may provide a transformative new model for the entire utility industry. This effort demonstrates Avista's commitment to investing in bold ideas, new technologies and innovative partnerships to leverage the grid in new ways for a more sustainable energy future.

## URBANOVA—SMART CITY SOLUTIONS

Located in Spokane's University District, Urbanova's smart city projects harness data to gain insights, empower people and solve urban challenges in new ways—all with the goal of enabling healthier citizens, safer neighborhoods, smarter energy infrastructure, and a stronger and more sustainable economy. Together we are developing a living laboratory where companies and other innovators are working on smart city solutions.

Current projects include an energy equity and environmental justice project, an innovative shared energy model that uses a centralized heating, cooling and electricals system to serve the energy needs of multiple buildings, and a project to strengthen Avista's data sharing platform for increased partner agility and collaboration, among others.

Another active project includes the Connected Communities demonstration project in Spokane, funded in part by a \$6.65 million grant from the US Department of Energy. In partnership with Urbanova, Avista, Edo, McKinstry and Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, the project is designed to demonstrate an innovative model to meet regional and local grid needs. By utilizing a mix of grid-interactive efficient buildings, energy efficiency programs and distributed energy resources, such as solar photovoltaics and battery storage, the program is focusing on when energy is used and how to better utilize the existing grid, to defer major capital investments and make energy more affordable. The lessons learned from the demonstration project will be published to help other communities scale up and replicate the project design.

Completed in 2020, our Shared Energy Economy Model Pilot evaluated the integration of energy assets—from rooftop solar and battery storage to building energy management systems—that can be shared and used for multiple purposes. We were successfully able to examine how we, our customers and communities, can create a shared

energy economy model by demonstrating that the electric grid can become more reliable, efficient, resilient and flexible.

Visit [Urbanova](#) online to learn more about these smart city projects.





## EDO

Avista and McKinstry launched **Edo** in 2021, a joint venture combining more than two hundred years of expertise to deliver on the promise of grid-integrated buildings. With commercial customers usually paying higher rates than residential customers, and commercial buildings consuming significantly more energy, there are many opportunities to optimize facility performance, increase energy efficiency and save costs. By analyzing facility operational and grid data together, Edo looks deliver support and technology solutions needed to create a synchronized, optimized platform that spans both sides of the meter.

By understanding and demonstrating how commercial buildings can operate more efficiently in tandem with the grid, it unlocks the possibility of saving energy and costs for owners and may help utilities to relieve stress on distribution feeders and substations, leverage distributed energy and storage resources and become a grid-flexible asset.

Energy efficiency and grid-flexible assets are key to decarbonizing our electricity system and reducing our collective greenhouse gas emissions. Edo's partnership model aims to unlock rapid innovation towards the grid of the future, creating an energy system that is reliable, equitable and carbon-free. This is just another example of how Avista is working to grow our business, leverage our history of innovation and enable our clean energy commitments.



## ENERGY IMPACT PARTNERS

Collaboration is a key strategy that we employ to leverage the experience and technical expertise across a broader range of companies. Illustrative of this approach is our partnership with Energy Impact Partners (EIP) to further develop leading-edge energy solutions. EIP seeks to bring the best companies, experiences and vision in the energy industry to tackle the issues around our emerging energy landscape. Key focus areas include energy efficiency, sustainable generation, energy storage, connected devices, big data and software solutions, and energy management.

In working with EIP and their coalition of other progressive utilities, we ensure that innovation remains firmly at the core of our business as we continue to drive technology advancements with the goals of increasing energy efficiency for

our customers and communities and reducing emissions as we transition to a lower carbon future. EIP is focused on achieving the largest possible near-term environmental impact by identifying innovative solutions that can be immediately adopted within their utility partners’ operations to drive progress and enable other industries to accelerate decarbonization.

EIP is also committed to driving transparency, inclusion and collaboration throughout the venture capital industry in addition to accelerating the clean energy transition. In their fifth annual [Impact and ESG Performance Report](#), EIP discloses the impact of its strategic investment partners, including Avista, and their collective impacts within the utility industry and overall US economy-sector carbon reductions.

Visit [Energy Impact Partners](#) online to learn how they are leading the energy transition towards a cleaner, better energy future.

## RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS AND HYDROGEN

We are actively preparing for new technologies and energy sources on the natural gas side of our business. Renewable natural gas (RNG) is being analyzed as a near-term supply resource for our natural gas local distribution Company (LDC). RNG typically refers to a mixture of gases produced by the biological breakdown of organic matter in the absence of oxygen and may be produced by anaerobic digestion or fermentation of biodegradable materials such as wood biomass, manure or sewage, municipal waste, green waste and energy crops.

Regardless of the type of RNG, the captured methane gas yields substantial greenhouse gas emissions savings and is considered a renewable energy resource. Once contained, RNG can be used by boilers for heat, as power generation, compressed natural gas vehicles for transportation or directly injected into the natural gas grid for customer end use. RNG increasingly becomes a cost-effective supply resource when located within our natural gas LDC area as this proximity reduces siting, infrastructure and transportation-related costs.

Hydrogen is another fuel source with potential to help solve our future energy needs. While hydrogen remains a longer-term supply resource option for our natural gas LDC, expanding renewable electricity production to create green hydrogen is moving from concept to market throughout the world. Further, green hydrogen can be combined with a carbon dioxide source to produce methane, referred to as methanation, and then injected in the natural gas grid for customer end use—a process known as power to gas. This process can also be used for seasonal energy storage needs.

Avista continues to analyze and prepare for these emerging technologies on the natural gas side of our business. For additional information, please see Chapter 4 of our [2023 Natural Gas IRP](#). We view RNG and hydrogen as an important component of our aspirational natural gas goal and corporate strategy moving forward. These emerging technologies will provide our customers with low carbon fuel choices, delivered seamlessly through our existing natural gas system.

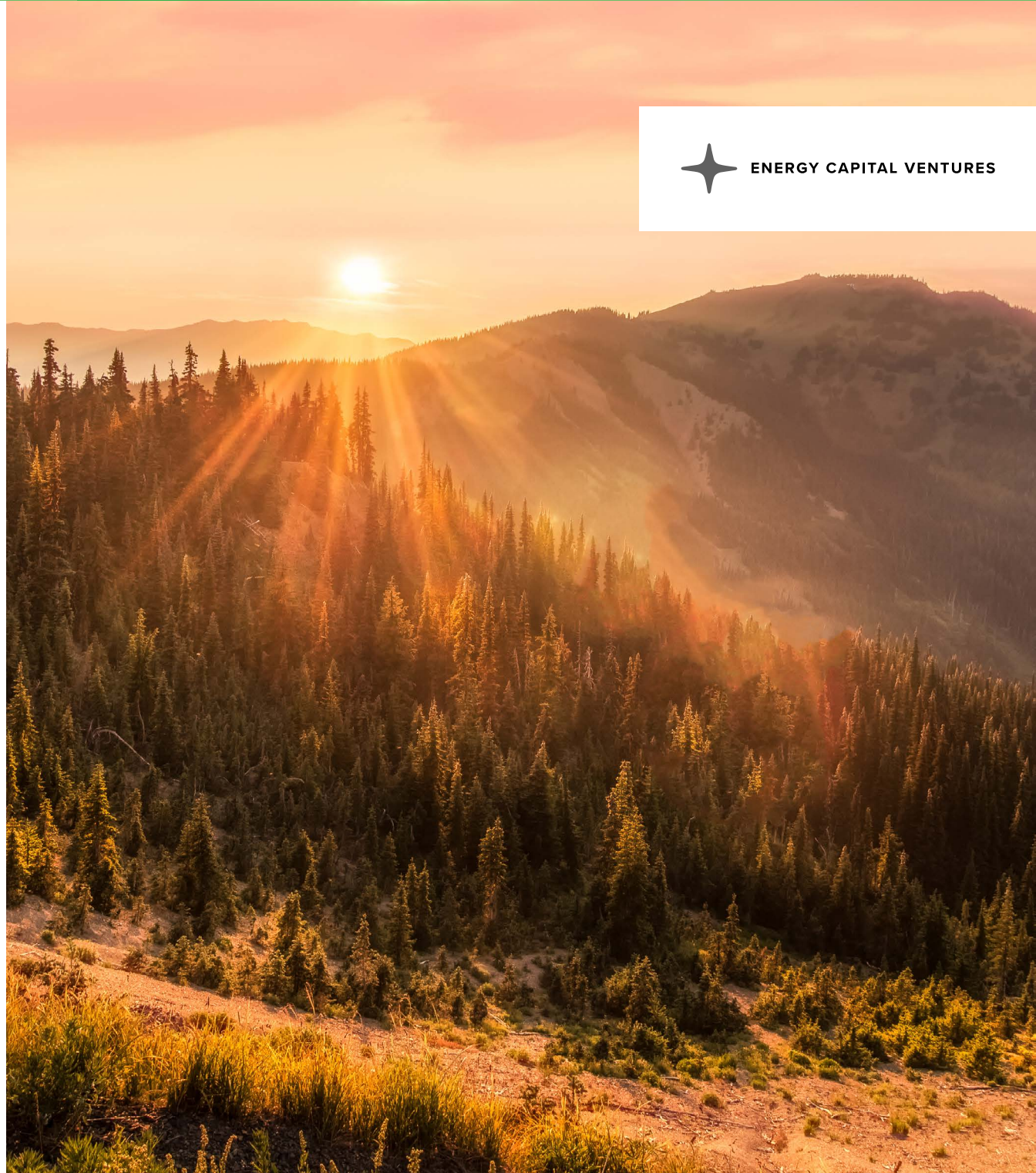
## ENERGY CAPITAL VENTURES

Launched in 2021, Energy Capital Ventures (ECV) is an early-stage venture fund focusing on the sustainability and resiliency of the natural gas industry. As a founding strategic limited partner, Avista is supporting and enabling the innovation of other companies that could bring new technologies to market to help advance low carbon solutions for our energy industry.

ECV invests in companies and technologies that advance the sustainability and resiliency of natural gas by advancing carbon-cutting priorities such as renewable natural gas, hydrogen, methane capture and detection, carbon capture and sequestration, decarbonization, energy efficiency, advanced gas infrastructure, heat pumps, and the utility of the future, among others.

Our collaborative partnership and investments with ECV and their partners further reinforce our ongoing commitments to support and enable emerging clean technologies on the natural gas side of our business as well. Together, we can move forward toward the clean energy future we all want.

Visit [Energy Capital Ventures](#) online to learn how they are bringing the latest innovations and technological advancements to our energy industry.





# 4 Engaging in climate policy development to promote environmental stewardship along with economic and community vitality.

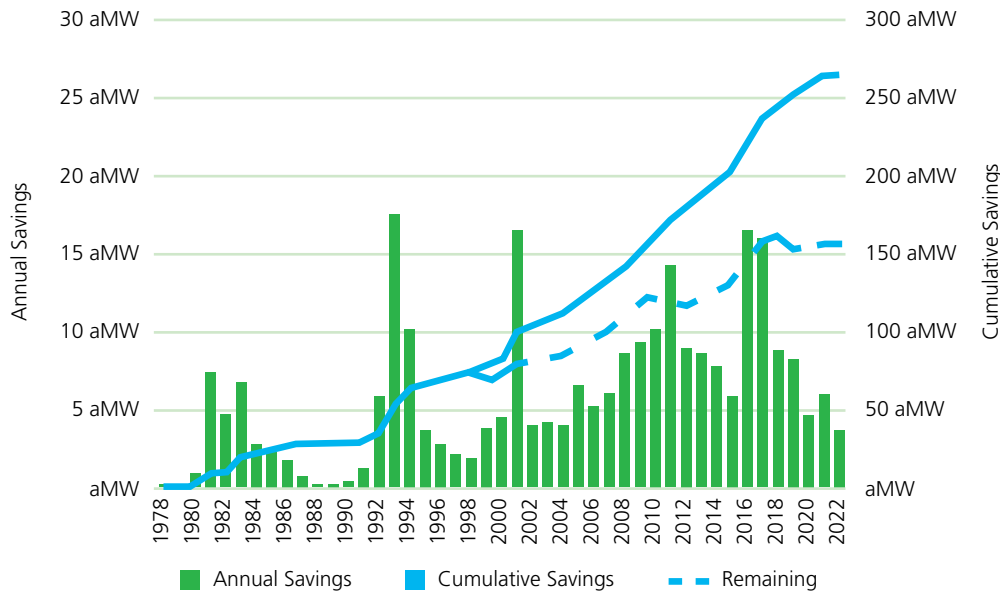
## ELECTRIC ENERGY EFFICIENCY

We began offering energy efficiency and conservation programs to our electrical customers back in 1978. These programs are cost effective strategies to reduce customer’s usage within the prevailing market and economic conditions. Recent programs with the highest impacts on electrical savings include residential and non-residential prescriptive lighting, residential fuel efficiency, site specific lighting, and small business projects.

The chart below illustrates Avista’s historical electric conservation acquisitions. Avista has acquired 266 aMW of energy efficiency since 1978; however, the 18-year average measure life of the conservation portfolio means some measures are no longer reducing load. The 18-year measure life accounts for the difference between the cumulative and online trajectories. Currently 155 aMW of electrical energy efficiency is benefiting our customers.

This 155 aMW of energy efficiency programs reduce our current customer electrical loads by nearly 11.2% in 2022. In addition, we are avoiding the associated greenhouse gas emissions of these avoided 155 aMW of electrical generation due to the energy efficiency and conservation actions of our electrical customers.

**HISTORICAL ELECTRIC CONSERVATION ACQUISITION**

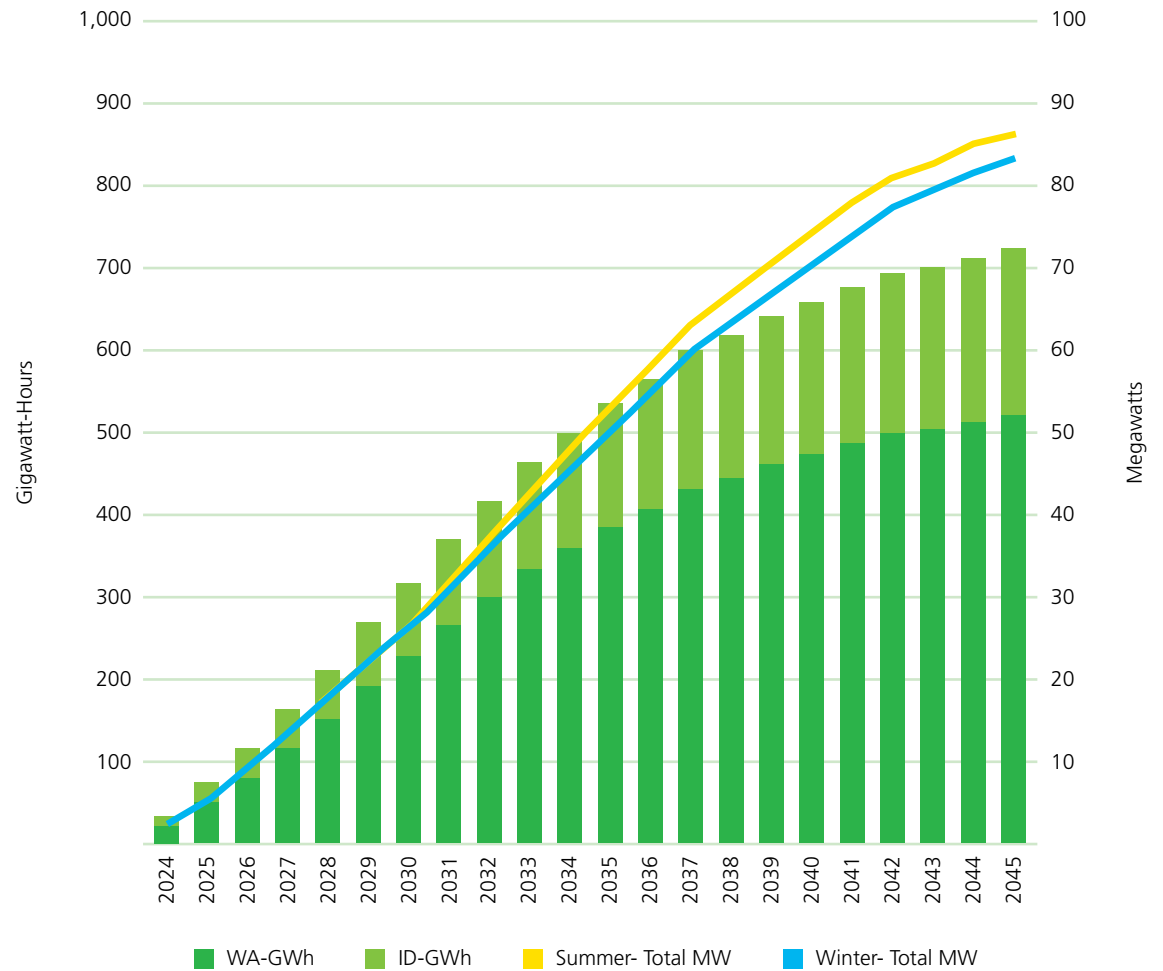




Going forward, Avista’s preferred resource strategy forecasts 695 cumulative gigawatt-hours are saved through energy efficiency programs between 2024 and 2045, illustrated in the chart below.

This translates to meeting 27% of our future load growth through energy efficiency and conservation measures, thereby reducing our customer loads by 85 aMW through 2045.

**ELECTRIC ENERGY EFFICIENCY ANNUAL FORECAST**



## NATURAL GAS ENERGY EFFICIENCY

On the natural gas side of our business, we are similarly committed to offering energy efficiency and conservation programs to our natural gas customers. These programs are economically feasible strategies to reduce customer’s usage of natural gas. We began offering natural gas energy efficiency programs in 1995 including prescriptive standard offerings and site-specific offerings.

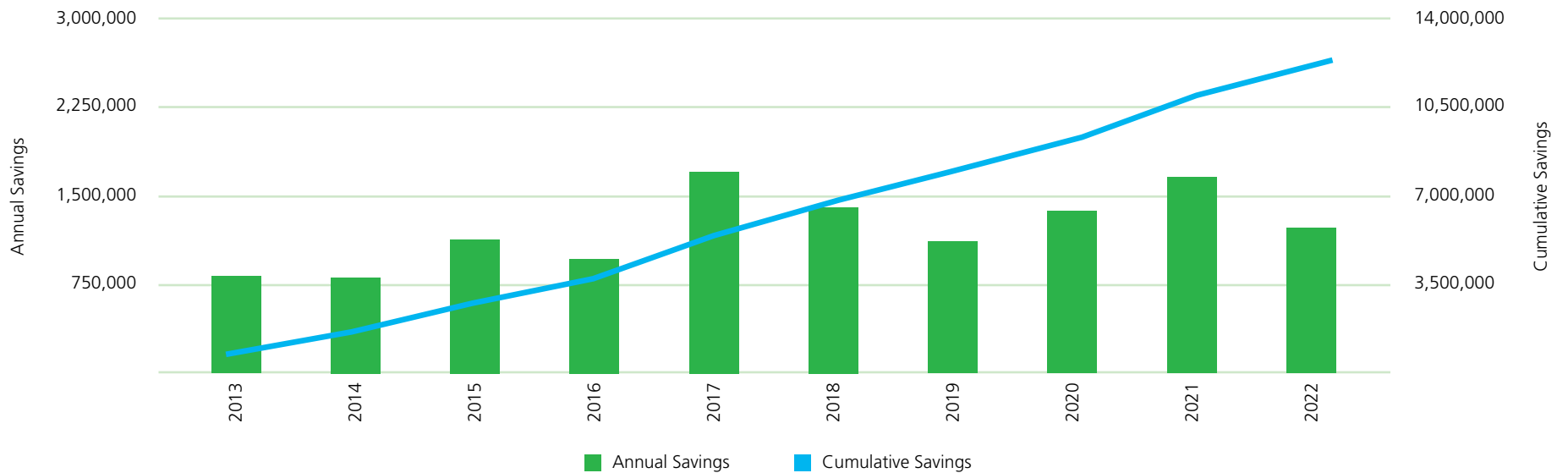
Avista’s prescriptive programs provide cash incentives for standardized products such as the installation of qualifying high-efficiency heating equipment. Recent energy efficiency program

expansion includes additional programs such as On-Bill Repayment, Home Energy Audits, and incentives offered through midstream channels. Our site-specific programs are comprehensive offerings for our non-residential customers. Avista’s Account Executives collaborate with our non-residential customers to identify opportunities, determine potential energy and cost savings and estimate incentives for participation.

Other delivery methods build off these approaches and may include upstream buy downs of low-cost measures, free-to-customer direct install programs, and coordination with regional entities for market transformation efforts.

The chart below illustrates our natural gas conservation acquisitions over the past ten years. With just over 12 million cumulative therms of natural gas consumption avoided through energy efficiency measures, our customers are not only benefiting from lower energy usage, but we have also eliminated their associated greenhouse gas emissions as well.

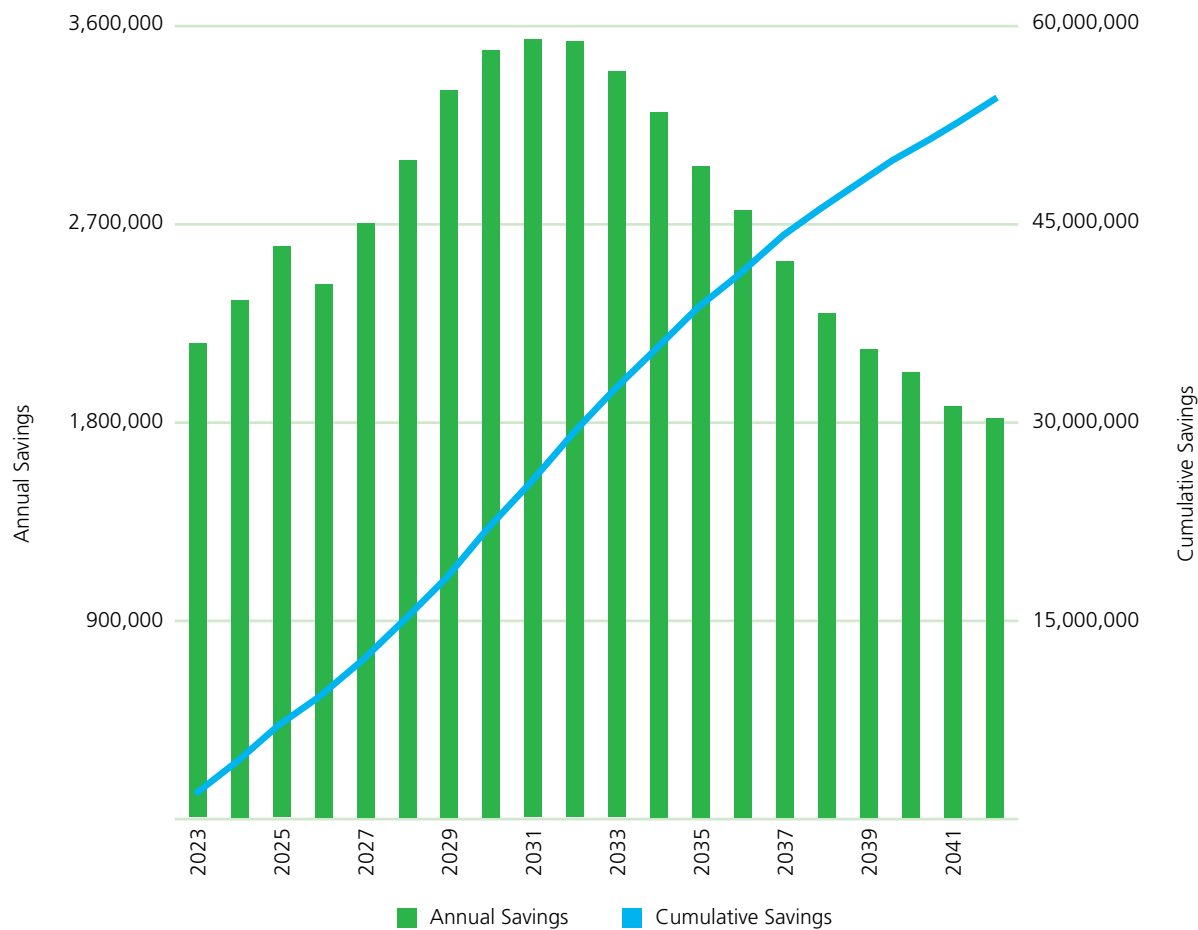
**HISTORICAL NATURAL GAS CONSERVATION ACQUISITIONS IN THERMS**



Going forward, Avista’s natural gas preferred resource strategy forecasts 54.1 million therms of cumulative savings through energy efficiency programs between 2023 and 2042, illustrated by the chart below.

See Chapter 3 of the [2023 Natural Gas IRP](#) for additional details regarding forecasted energy efficiency programs and their planning analysis for Washington, Idaho and Oregon.

### NATURAL GAS ENERGY EFFICIENCY ANNUAL FORECAST IN THERMS





## FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

We like to practice what we preach. Avista also participates in energy efficiency efforts and conservation measures within our own operations. Over the last few years, we have implemented numerous best practice energy efficiency and conservation measures to reduce our facilities’ energy consumption and reduce these associated greenhouse gas emissions.

Our facilities have undergone numerous conservation measures over the years to reduce our energy consumption and associated greenhouse gas emissions. Projects at our main corporate campus include lighting retrofit projects, HVAC system replacements, new building control technology, automated energy management products and better insulated windows that reduce energy loss through the envelope of the building.

The result of these and other energy efficiency projects has been a 60% reduction in our energy usage and an 80% reduction in our water use at our main corporate campus. We also operate a 3-kilowatt solar distributed energy resource at our main corporate campus. These efforts have been recognized by various organizations for our energy savings and energy efficient operations including, LEED Gold certification, Energy Star rating, and the Building Owners and Managers Association BOMA 360 designation. Our earned Energy Star rating of 99 places us in the nation’s top 1% for energy efficiency building design and operations.

In addition to these traditional building management and energy efficiency ratings, we are also pursuing the Fitwel Certification for our main corporate campus, reflecting the incorporation of sustainability, health and well-being principles within the design and operations of our buildings.

At a growing number of our facilities, we have also been busy installing electric vehicle charging stations—an investment that will encourage the transition to electric vehicles among our employees, help us prepare for the arrival of more battery-powered vehicles in the decades to come, and help us capture the associated benefits of avoided greenhouse gas emissions. Learn more about our commitments around electric vehicles and our [Transportation Electrification Plan](#).



## RENEWABLE ENERGY UPGRADES

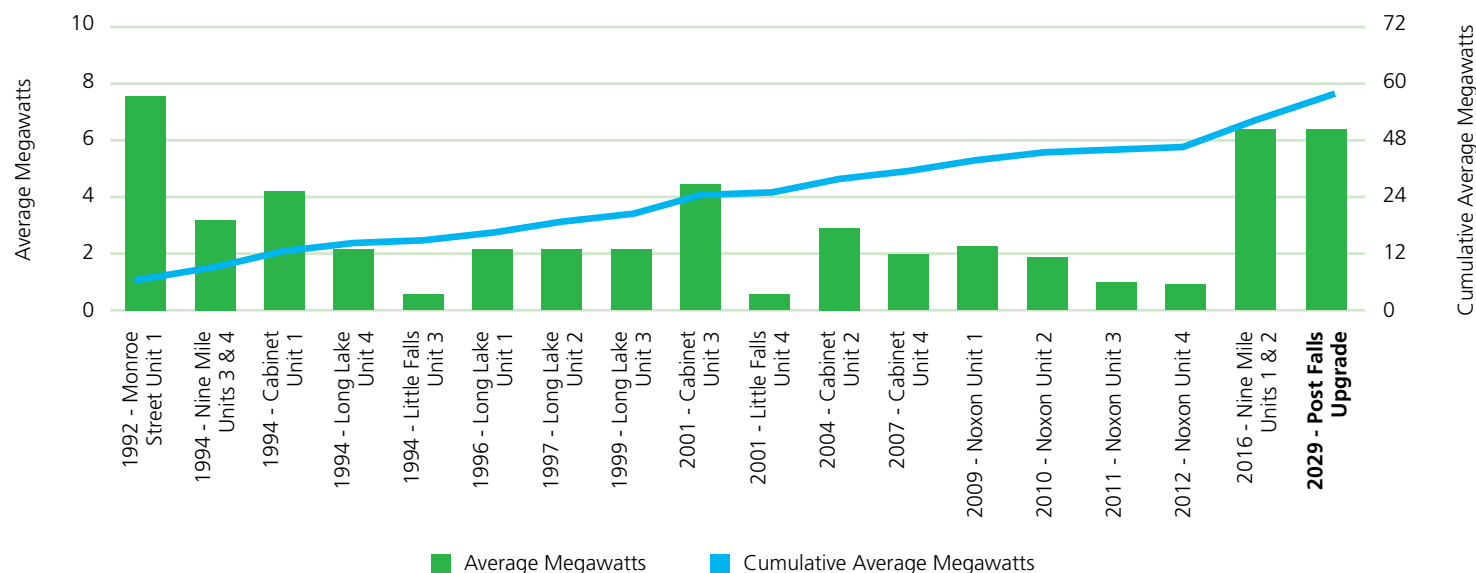
Since our founding on clean, renewable hydro power in 1889, we continue to recognize the importance of our existing renewable energy projects, especially our hydroelectric projects, in positioning us towards our aspirational clean energy goals. While new renewable energy projects often get the most attention, we take considerable pride in the operation, maintenance, and plant upgrades that have been occurring at some of our hydroelectric plants, bringing more clean renewable energy online for our customers. The figure below illustrates Avista’s recent hydroelectric upgrades that have resulted in the addition of 46.8 aMW of zero emission hydroelectric renewable energy since 1992.

Going forward, we continue to analyze and explore options to further increase the efficiency and generation output from our existing renewable energy plants. One such example is our Post Falls Hydroelectric Plant. Our 2023 IRP includes a modernization project at Post Falls. While the engineering and planning for this upgrade continues and assumptions may change over time, for planning purposes, Avista assumes that an additional 6.4 MW of additional clean energy capacity may be provided because of this upgrade project.

Another planned renewable energy upgrade is occurring at our Kettle Falls Generating Station. It is among the largest biomass generation plants in North America, using waste wood products from area lumber mills and forest slash. As part of our 2022 All-Source Request for Proposals, an

upgrade to the Kettle Falls facility was selected as a cost-effective option to serve customers. A memo of understanding was signed with Myno Carbon (“Myno”) who will provide Kettle Falls with additional steam from a biochar process. This additional steam will increase the generation capability of the plant beginning in 2026. Myno’s process will use a portion of the Kettle Falls’ waste wood fuel supply to create biochar for the agriculture industry and Avista will purchase the steam byproduct for our increased power production. In total, the production increase at Kettle Falls will be 11 MW when accounting for energy consumed by Myno. Avista customers will benefit from this arrangement by increasing capacity, lowering production costs, and lowering air emissions related to waste wood combustion at Kettle Falls.

### HISTORICAL AND PLANNED HYDRO UPGRADES



## LED STREETLIGHT PROGRAM

We have completed the installation of energy efficient LED streetlights across our electric service territory as part of our streetlight change out program. This program included the replacement of nearly 30,000 Company-owned streetlights with new high energy efficient LED lights. These new LED streetlights use about 50 percent less energy than the previous high pressure sodium lights and last two to three times longer as well, which will reduce operational and maintenance costs going forward.

Not only do these new LED streetlights provide more uniform light and improve nighttime visibility for motorists and pedestrians, but they also do not produce ultraviolet light which attract nocturnal insects. In addition, they do not contain toxic materials like mercury and are 100% recyclable.

The annual energy savings associated with this LED streetlight program are estimated to be over three megawatts each night. That is enough energy to power about 2,300 homes. In addition to the hundreds of thousands of dollars in energy savings and reduced maintenance costs for our customers and communities, we all benefit from the reduction of associated greenhouse gas emissions due to the lower energy use of these LED streetlights. To learn more about this program, please visit our [Street and Yard Light Program](#) online.

## GREEN FLEET PROGRAM

To manage the impact of our fleet of vehicles on the environment and our local communities, we created a Green Fleet Program back in 2010.

Our intent of the program was to research, invest in and implement cleaner vehicle technologies and practices that would serve as our foundation for a more sustainable fleet of the future.

Since then, we have managed our fleet resources in a manner consistent with these intentions with a sharp focus on emerging vehicle and equipment advancements, enhanced fuel options and further emission reduction opportunities and technologies to best align our operational and maintenance requirements, safety and performance objectives, and environmental considerations. Efforts from our initial Green Fleet Program include:

- Early adoption of plug-in hybrid electric vehicle (PHEV) and electric vehicle (EV) passenger vehicles to gain experience and information on the performance of electric vehicles and their possible fit within our fleet operations.
- Exploration of alternative vehicle fuel technologies including the use of compressed natural gas (CNG) and renewable diesel options.
- Implementation of electric battery powered components on larger fleet vehicles reducing engine idling at job sites: electric power take-off (ePTO) to power aerial booms on bucket trucks.
- Battery technologies to support exportable power for field equipment use.
- Founding member of Edison Electric Institute's 2014 commitment targeting 5% of fleet budgets for electrification development and implementation.





In order to further enhance our environmental stewardship and reduction of vehicle emissions, we are committing to converting 25% of our fleet's light duty pickup trucks to all electric pickup trucks by 2030. Our light duty pickup trucks average 9,000 miles per year and by electrifying 25% of these trucks in our fleet, we will eliminate an estimated 700 tons of CO2 emissions over the coming decade. This electrification effort will also help save \$325,000 in fuel costs during this same period.

Our fleet electrification commitment is dependent on the continued development and availability of cost effective electrified pickup trucks that will meet our utility fleet's operational requirements. To date, a limited supply of electrified light duty pickup trucks has become available, however, the price of these electric pickup trucks is 40–50% more than a similar internal combustion engine model, raising prudence and cost concerns. We continue to watch the product announcements and emerging electrified vehicle line-ups from manufacturers, including potentially cost effective smaller cross over SUVs with interest. We also continue to work with our manufacturer partners regarding specific utility vehicle needs and remain hopeful that suitable electrified vehicles will continue to develop and improve their capabilities and performance through the remainder of this decade coinciding with our electrification commitments.

Our efforts are also impacted by state zero emission vehicle (ZEV) goals. Both Washington and Oregon have adopted state-wide aggressive ZEV mandates. Beginning in 2024, these two states will begin requiring a minimum percentage of vehicles sales within their state to be ZEVs. This percentage of sales of ZEVs will increase annually through the late

2030s until it reaches 100 percent of new vehicle sales. These mandates impact multiple classes of cars and trucks that are represented in Avista's utility fleet. As such, and in support of our own fleet electrification commitment, we will continue to engage with our states' requirements to comply with these ZEV mandates.

Another element of our Green Fleet Program is **CNG**. We continue to support a portion of our fleet using CNG as a fuel in light duty trucks. When natural gas is compressed to less than 1% of its volume, it officially becomes CNG and may be used in place of gasoline and diesel.

Avista has constructed three CNG refueling stations for our fleet operations to support our fleet of CNG bi-fueled pick-up trucks. We have also converted most of our forklifts to CNG and assisted in the conversion of several large customer fleet to CNG, including two local waste and recycling collection companies.



## COMMUTE TRIP REDUCTION

As part of our commitment to reducing vehicle related emissions, improving air quality, avoiding traffic congestion, and minimizing energy consumption in our local communities, Avista actively promotes and manages a Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) program in collaboration with our local planning and transportation agency Commute Smart Northwest.

Since 1993, we have educated and encouraged employees to make informed decisions about reducing their “drive alone” miles to and from work and reducing the number of single occupant vehicles on our roads. Targeted commute reduction modalities include riding the bus, carpooling, vanpooling, bicycling, walking, tele-commuting, compressed work weeks and other flexible work schedules reducing the amount of mileage traveled by employees.

Through new hire training, CTR promotional events and regular outreach and employee recognitions, our CTR program continues to attract participants and positively impact our local environment.

**Over the past 10 years, Avista’s Commute Trip Reduction program has eliminated over 10 Million Pounds of carbon dioxide emissions from our atmosphere.**

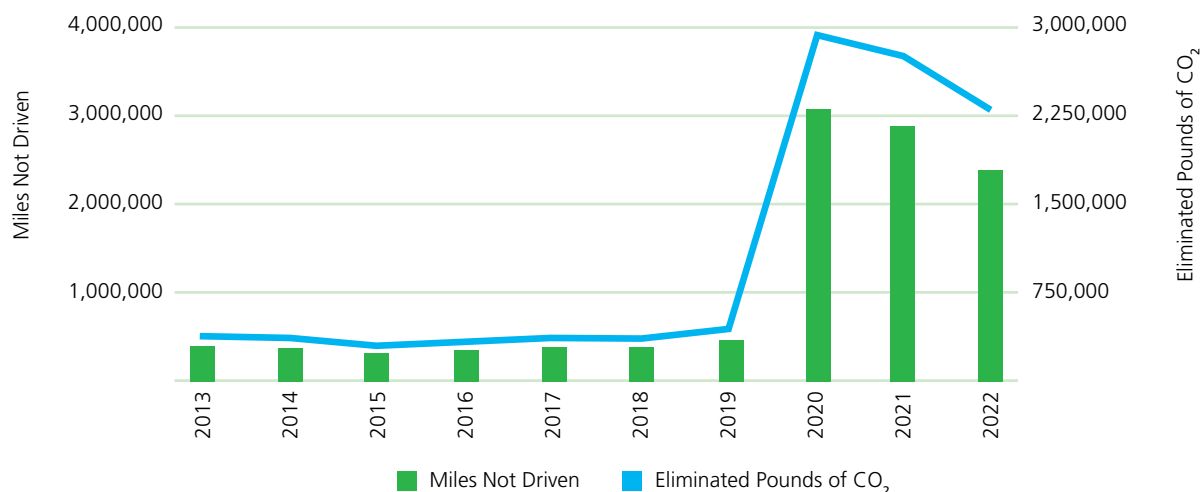
In 2019, our CTR program had recorded its highest levels of avoided miles driven and eliminated pounds of carbon dioxide. Then the COVID-19 global pandemic struck.

Over the course of the COVID-19 Pandemic, more than 1,200 employees transitioned fully to work from home to reduce the spread of Covid, while still delivering safe, reliable energy to our customers. This resulted in 8,385,822 miles not driven and 8,050,388 eliminated pounds of carbon dioxide over a three-year period. As Pandemic restrictions loosened and in-person work became safe again, we continue to offer flexible work schedules and remote work options which will positively impact our CTR efforts going forward.

## COMMUTE TRIP REDUCTION PROGRAM RESULTS

YEAR	MILES NOT DRIVEN	ELIMINATED POUNDS OF CARBON DIOXIDE
2013	401,395	385,304
2014	385,290	369,878
2015	318,834	306,082
2016	358,810	344,458
2017	391,624	375,958
2018	388,084	372,560
2019	467,374	448,680
2020	3,085,038	2,961,636
2021	2,892,318	2,776,624
2022	2,408,466	2,312,128

### AVISTA COMMUTE TRIP REDUCTION RESULTS



**5** Improving the sustainability of our business practices and promoting environmental stewardship of our shared natural resources. Avista manages its operations and facilities to preserve and protect our environment.

## OUR COMMITMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Avista’s environmental responsibility is as core to our business as the wires and pipes that deliver energy to our customers and the communities we serve. Environmental stewardship has long shaped our operations and we are committed to conducting our business in ways that honor the integrity of the natural resources in the areas we serve.

To learn more about these commitments, please refer to our Environmental Policy: [Our Commitment to Environmental Stewardship](#).

## ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Building from Our Commitment to Environmental Stewardship, Avista’s Environmental Management System (EMS) serves as our management framework for delivering effective environmental compliance programs and operational results

designed to protect and enhance our environment. We are committed to conducting our business in ways that honor the integrity of the natural resources in the areas we serve.

Avista’s EMS supports our Environmental Affairs department by providing a consistent, transparent and actionable framework for managing the Company’s environmental risks. Specifically, our EMS:

- Integrates with Avista’s Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) program for the identification, tracking and evaluation of environmental risks and potential impacts both on the Company and on the environment.
- Aids in the prioritization of and resource allocation for our environmental and operational objectives and underlying strategies to mitigate these risks.
- Supports the development and management of environmental compliance programs to manage significant environmental risks.
- Enables a clear hierarchy of roles, responsibilities and reporting obligations.
- Provides a transparent and consistent regulatory approach to meeting the specific environmental requirements through compliance management plans.
- Ensures best practices are adopted, incident learnings occur, and regular communication occurs between environmental compliance programs and operations.

- Facilitates general awareness training and progress updates regarding our environmental commitments and strategies.
- Provides consistent documentation and change management processes.

Within our environmental compliance program areas, our EMS framework incorporates compliance management plans and operational guides which are designed to support the underlying and specific regulatory requirements or legal operating agreements and conditions related to our environmental risk areas. It is important to note that the context for some of our environmental compliance program areas include long-term agreements with state and federal regulatory agencies, regional American Indian Tribes and other stakeholders that were collaboratively developed to reduce environmental risks and to achieve better outcomes than those prescribed by current regulatory requirements.

In addition to identifying and describing the actual compliance requirements or agreement provisions, these compliance management plans and related operational guides document the compliance related processes and procedures, roles and responsibilities, preventive and corrective controls, emergency procedures if applicable, monitoring and reporting requirements, training for competency and general awareness communication elements, internal review and assessment processes and document identification and records management.



## EMS GOVERNANCE

Avista's Board of Directors has established a committee to oversee environmental issues and to assess and manage environmental risks. Pursuant to its charter, the Environmental, Technology and Operations Committee (ETO) is responsible for the oversight of Avista's environmental commitment policy, strategies and the development and implementation of compliance management programs. The ETO Committee is also responsible to oversee environmental performance and responses to audit findings, and to oversee the development and implementation of programs, policies and procedures with respect to the Company's aspirational clean energy goals.

Avista's management team is responsible for the day-to-day operations and performance of its environmental objectives and risk management activities. The Company's Senior Vice President, Chief Strategy and Clean Energy Officer is responsible to oversee the execution of the EMS. The Company's Senior Director of Environmental Affairs is responsible for developing and implementing the EMS within the Environmental Affairs department to fulfill our environmental strategies, objectives and risks management activities.

Program Managers within the Environmental Affairs department have specific areas of environmental compliance responsibilities and manage a staff of scientists, compliance personnel, and field and administrative personnel, among others. These Program Managers serve as the Company's subject matter experts and are responsible for the development and implementation of compliance management plans.

Per our EMS, compliance management plans identify environmental regulatory requirements and legal operating agreements and conditions, compliance processes and procedures, control and monitoring activities, training and communication activities, ongoing assessments, reporting obligations and identification and tracking of related plan documentation. Program Managers are also responsible for monitoring and assessing regulatory changes, developing strategies for meeting compliance and operational objectives and for ensuring that Company employees meet compliance requirements through operating standards, training and communication, other operational guidance, inspections and audits.

In addition, Avista has created four councils that are centered around our primary focus areas: our customers, our people, perform and invent. The Perform Council is an interdisciplinary team of Company officers, management, and other employees which regularly meets to discuss, assess and manage current and emerging issues associated with the Company's performance. A key area of focus for the Perform Council is potential risks and opportunities associated with long-term global climate change and other environmental risks posed by our operations.

Among other things, the Perform Council facilitates internal and external communications regarding climate change and other environmental issues, analyzes policy effects, anticipates opportunities and evaluates strategies for the Company, develops recommendations on climate change and environmental policy positions and action plans and provides direction and oversight with respect to the Company's aspirational clean energy goals and environmental obligations.

On a quarterly basis or more often if needed, representatives from Environmental Affairs or the Perform Council will report on the performance of our clean energy goals and environmental issues to the ETO Committee, to another appropriate Board committee or to the full Avista Board. Additionally, environmental compliance audits and investigations and their outcomes are tracked and reported to the Audit Committee on a quarterly basis.

## ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS

As an electric and natural gas utility stretching 30,000 square miles across four Pacific Northwest states, we are subject to environmental regulation by federal, state and local authorities. From our generating plants, electric transmission and natural gas pipeline corridors, electrical substations to our electric and natural gas distribution systems, our operations pose environmental risks relating to climate change, air and water quality, waste management, habitat and biodiversity, threatened and endangered species, historic and cultural resources, and public access, among others.

Avista's Environmental Affairs department manages these environmental risks through two major compliance program focus areas: Environmental Compliance and Natural and Cultural Resource Management. By implementing our EMS framework and its underlying compliance management plans and operational guides, we manage our operations and facilities in ways that honor the integrity of the natural resources in the areas we serve.



### ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

- Climate Change
- Air Quality
- Water Management
- Waste Management and Recycling

### NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT:

- Biodiversity Management
- Threatened and Endangered Species
- Historic and Cultural Resources
- Equitable Public Access



## ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

### CLIMATE CHANGE

Avista has carefully considered how our business intersects with the environment for decades, as witnessed by our strong environmental record and as one of the cleanest power producers in the country when it comes to greenhouse gas emissions. Regarding the global effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change, we are starting from a position of strength, as our electrical generation capability is already comprised of 59% renewable energy as compared to the US electric industry's generation capability of 22% renewable energy<sup>5</sup>.

Furthermore, our aspirational clean energy goals as highlighted earlier in this report, clearly demonstrate our commitments and strategies to continue and build upon our efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions across our business. In those jurisdictions in which we operate, there are numerous local initiatives, state and federal legislative and regulatory measures concerning climate change that directly impact Avista today<sup>6</sup>. Specifically, the Washington State Legislature passed the Clean Energy Transformation Act in 2019 requiring Washington electric utilities to:

- Eliminate coal generation to Washington customers by the end of 2025
- Supply Washington customers with carbon-neutral electricity by 2030
- Supply Washington customers with 100% carbon free electricity by 2045

<sup>5</sup> U.S. Energy Information Administration 2022 US electric industry generation capability: Renewables 22%, Nuclear 18%, Coal 20%, Natural Gas 40% and Petroleum/Other 1%.

<sup>6</sup> For additional information related to climate change-related state and federal legislative and regulatory actions that are applicable to Avista, please review our most recent [Annual Report](#) available online.

Avista's [2023 Electric Integrated Resource Plan \(IRP\)](#) provides our generation resource strategy for the next 20 years based on reasonable low-cost options, reliability and environmental goals. As detailed in the IRP, our pathway towards our aspirational clean energy goal includes the acquisition of additional renewable energy, the elimination of our only coal-fired thermal generating resource (Colstrip Units 3 & 4<sup>7</sup>) from our portfolio, energy efficiency and conservation measures, and upgrades to our existing hydroelectric and biomass plants.

Our aspirational natural gas emission reduction goal highlighted earlier in this report, detail additional commitments and strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions across our business. Avista was a charter member of the EPA's Methane Challenge Program, reflecting our prior voluntary efforts to reduce natural gas fugitive emissions. As part of our aspirational natural gas goal, we are focusing on:

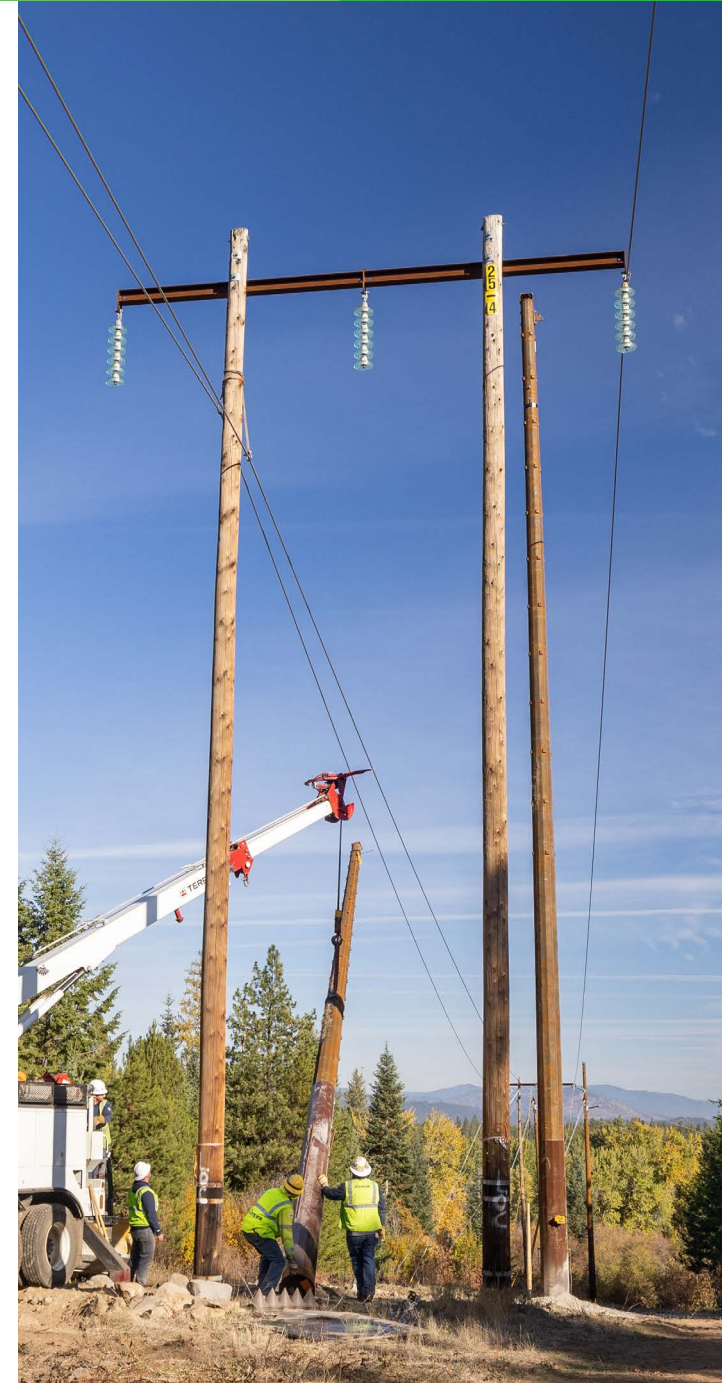
- Diversifying and transitioning from conventional fossil fuel natural gas to RNG, hydrogen and other renewable biofuels
- Reducing consumption through conservation, energy efficiency and new technologies
- Purchasing carbon offsets as necessary

Throughout this Corporate Responsibility Report, we present commitments and strategies to reducing greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change. Our actions, such as identifying and executing on our aspirational clean energy goals, engaging in climate policy development, investing in smart-grid technologies and

capabilities, completing energy efficiency projects within our facilities, growing our green fleet program, to reducing our employees' commute-related emissions, reflect a strong record of taking meaningful steps to combat climate change.

However, our climate change actions do not stop there. We are also responsible for the development of programs and resources for our customers and communities to leverage to further reduce our collective greenhouse gas emissions. In addition to taking proactive steps to reduce the carbon intensity of our energy products, we also provide conservation and energy efficiency products and services, optional renewable energy programs, distributed energy products and services and a robust electric transportation infrastructure program. Together, these customer and community facing features aid our region in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and mitigating the impacts of climate change.

In addition to these climate change-related actions documented in this Corporate Responsibility Report, we also prepare an annual report based on the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) framework. Our TCFD Report details how we manage climate change-related risks and opportunities, both in terms of managing and reducing our impacts to climate change, but also how we manage the effects of climate change on our Company's operations. We also disclose the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB) industry specific ESG metrics as part of our annual TCFD report. For additional information concerning Avista's climate change-related risks, opportunities and metrics, please view [Avista's TCFD Report](#).



<sup>7</sup> Please see Chapter 3 of the [2023 Avista Electric IRP](#) for additional details regarding Colstrip Units 3 & 4 exit from Avista's generation portfolio by 01/01/2026.



## AIR QUALITY

At the federal level, the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Air Act (CAA) establishes the structure for regulating the discharge of air pollutants into the atmosphere. State and local agencies are delegated the lead authority for most applicable areas of CAA compliance. Our facilities that emit air pollution are subject to air quality operating permits issued by the appropriate jurisdictional agency. These permits describe the operating and periodic reporting requirements depending on type of facility; major stationary source (Title V), minor stationary source or simple source registration permits.

Avista must also comply with rules set forth by other jurisdictional agencies which are intended to comprehensively control and reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the power sector. As part of our Environmental Management System, we have compliance programs in place to secure these permits, to operate and maintain our facilities in compliance with their permits and other agency rules and to conduct periodic reviews and audits of our facilities and operations to ensure ongoing compliance. These requirements can change over time as the CAA or other jurisdictional agency rules, or applicable implementing regulations are amended, and new permits are issued. We actively monitor legislative, regulatory and other developments of the CAA and related agency programs that may impact our facilities.

Avista's commitments and progress towards our aspirational clean energy goals work in unison with the objectives of these clean air initiatives and compliance requirements. As we continue to move towards our aspirational clean electricity goal, we are reducing our greenhouse gas emissions and other related air pollutants such as Nitrogen Oxide (NOx), Sulfur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>), Particulate Matter (PM), Lead (Pb), and Mercury (Hg), among others.

Avista's **Equity Advisory Group (EAG)** was established in 2021 and is comprised of Company representatives, customers, community members, environmental justice and public health advocates, regional American Indian Tribes, highly impacted communities, vulnerable populations, and other interested external parties to aid us in ensuring an equitable transition to a cleaner energy future. It is important that communities impacted by adverse socioeconomic conditions, pollution and climate change—as well as those who may experience a disproportionate cumulative risk of environmental burdens—are identified within Avista's service territory. Collectively, we can better utilize current programs or design new programs and select resources to effectively ensure that the benefits of the clean energy transition go to communities that need it most.

## WATER MANAGEMENT

Our service territories, located in the Pacific Northwest, have not been immune to the effects of climate change. Our regions are seeing evidence of rising temperatures, changing precipitation patterns and instances of drought conditions. Coupled with the fact that we rely on hydroelectric resources for over half of our electrical generation capabilities, we must ensure that we operate our business in a manner that protects, conserves and honors our shared water resources.

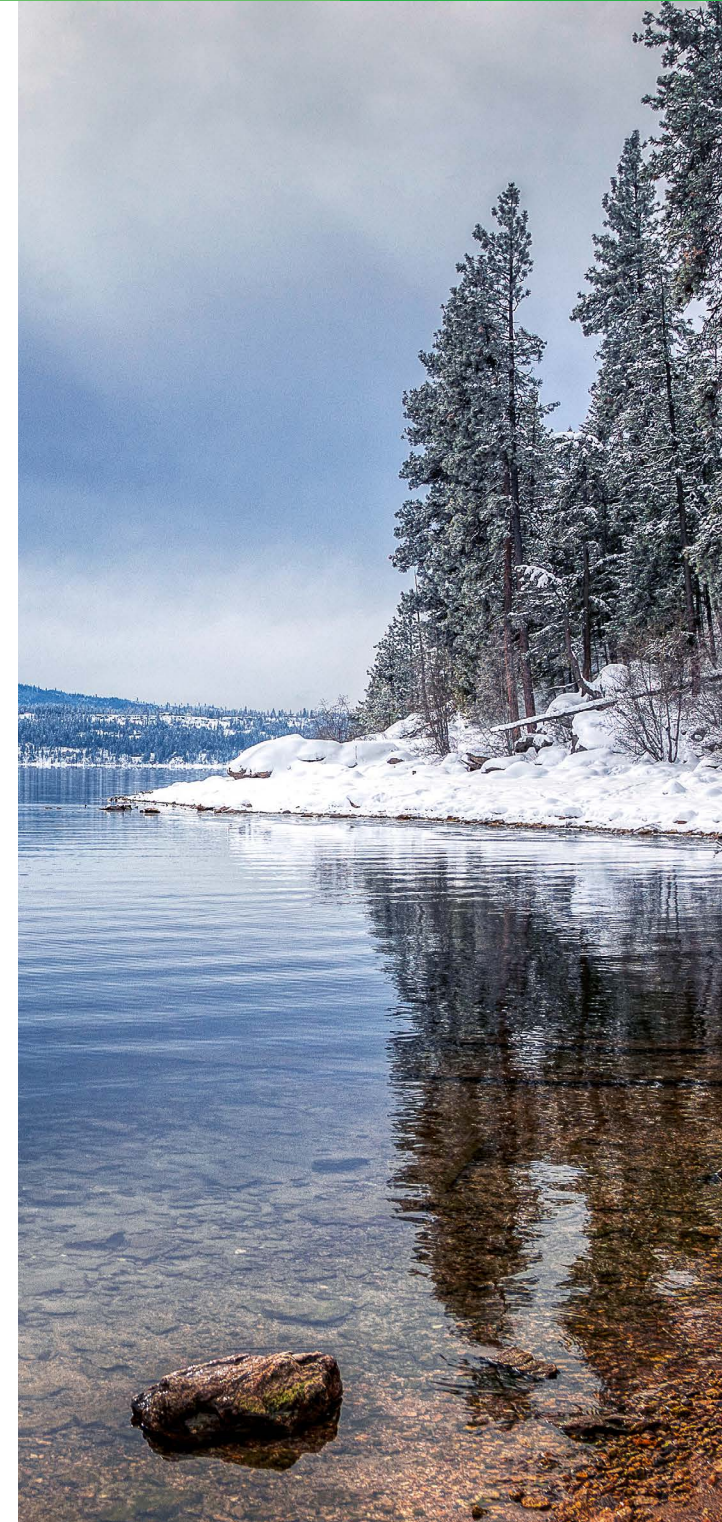
Currently, none of Avista’s facilities or generating plants are located in areas listed as High or Extremely High Baseline Water Stress by the World Resources Institute’s (WRI) Water Risk Atlas Tool, Aqueduct. The Company’s hydroelectric plants are located within two different water basins, along the Clark Fork River in northwestern Montana and northern Idaho and along the Spokane River in northern Idaho and eastern Washington. Neither river system is expected to experience significant water stress in the foreseeable future, especially compared to other river systems located in southwestern regions of the United States. Our hydro resources benefit from a combination of higher-altitude snowpack and upstream reservoirs. Current climate modeling, with significant uncertainty, predicts slight increases in overall precipitation for our region, although with earlier runoff and the possibility of reduced summer precipitation.

Avista manages its access to water for its operations, both for the generation of electricity and other operational uses in the course of its business, by securing necessary water rights. The Company’s service territories and generating

plants are all located in states which recognize water rights through prior appropriation, and we currently have water rights secured for our existing generation portfolio and other operational needs. Most of our non-generation consumptive water use is associated with office locations within municipalities that provide water service as a local utility. Going forward, Avista will continue to partner with our local and state agencies in complying with our existing water rights.

We protect and improve water quality in the Clark Fork and Spokane River watersheds as part of our Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) operating licenses for the operations of our hydroelectric facilities. Avista collaborates with our license partners in the following water quality measures, among others:

- **Monitor and analyze water quality in project rivers, lakes and tributaries**
- **Improve dissolved oxygen levels in the Spokane River and Lake Spokane**
- **Remove invasive fish that compete with native fish and cause excess nutrient accumulation**
- **Improve and monitor total dissolved gas levels below certain dams**
- **Install riverbank erosion control activities to reduce sediment and nutrient loading**
- **Partner with landowners of riparian lands to reduce erosion**
- **Facilitate homeowners’ replacement of concrete bulkheads with natural shoreline measures**





- Remove invasive aquatic weeds and coordinate weed control among other entities
- Operate the hydroelectric facilities in compliance with water discharge and flow rates

As part of our EMS, we have compliance programs in place to manage our FERC operating licenses that include the operation and environmental management of our hydroelectric facilities and our water quality compliance requirements. Through ongoing engagement with our regulatory agencies, regional Tribes, landowners and other stakeholders, we implement these protection, mitigation and enhancement measures for the benefit of our shared natural resources. [Click here to learn more](#) about our Clark Fork and Spokane River compliance programs and FERC project requirements.

Avista operates several compliance programs to manage and protect water quality throughout the rest of our operations. These compliance programs ensure that our facilities and activities comply with the federal Clean Water Act and related programs such as the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasures regulations, which form the regulatory structure for the administration of water discharges and protection of surface waters of the United States. Avista compliance staff conduct training, monitoring, reporting and permitting for construction projects as well as ongoing operations and maintenance activities to protect surface and ground waters, prevent storm water run-off, prevent spills and contain and respond to any potential spilled pollutant before entering our waterways.

We have implemented numerous water-saving and protection measures at our corporate facilities over the years as well. Our aim is to protect and improve on-site water quality by capturing, filtering and recharging our water basins. We have accomplished these steps through multiple facilities improvements such as bio-filtration swales and water-oil separator catch basins, among others. At our main corporate campus, we replaced our 50-year-old HVAC system with a closed water loop system and injection well which resulted in an 80% reduction of our corporate main campus water use. We also implemented water-conserving equipment throughout the campus as part of achieving a LEED Gold certification.

## SPILL RESPONSE / POLLUTION PREVENTION

The Environmental Compliance group at Avista is on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week to respond immediately to environmental emergencies. In the case of an oil spill originating from any of our facilities, power lines or poles, we immediately implement emergency spill procedures and begin working with the appropriate local, state and federal agencies to assess the situation and begin clean-up. Avista responds to all spills, regardless of size, location or oil type. The goal is to safely and efficiently prevent any potential harm to fish, wildlife, natural resources, water supplies or people.

## WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RECYCLING

Avista employs a comprehensive approach to reducing and managing solid and hazardous waste. Our approach begins upstream by making diligent product selections and constantly evaluating our work practices to avoid generating unnecessary waste. Despite these best pollution prevention efforts, several types of solid and hazardous wastes are generated across our service territories by our field operations, service centers, generation stations and office environments.

Our waste management and recycling programs are designed to comply with local, state and federal laws governing the disposal of solid and hazardous waste. The federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) defines our responsibility to control hazardous waste from the time it is generated until it is ultimately disposed of—in effect, from “cradle to grave.” Avista also maintains hazardous waste generator permits where required across our operations. In addition to RCRA, the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) further requires Avista to maintain records, testing procedures and reporting requirements relating to hazardous and non-hazardous chemical substances and mixtures.

Our operational center in Spokane, WA, is representative of our lifecycle approach to waste management and recycling. Equipment and materials are distributed from this center across four states to support our operations. When the operational work is complete, left-over materials and generated waste are returned to Spokane to be processed through our Waste and Asset Recovery (WAR) and Investment Recovery



departments. These departments also process materials and generated waste from our office environments as well.

Avista’s WAR is housed in a state-of-the-art waste handling facility designed and built to safely and efficiently sort, handle, and classify our various solid and hazardous waste streams for final disposal. Importantly, Avista made the decision to process all solid and hazardous waste streams at our Spokane operational center, regardless of state of origin. As Washington state is our most stringent regulatory environment for managing solid and hazardous waste, we are diverting the potential disposal of hazardous waste that would have otherwise legally gone into landfills in our other operating states.

Through a 30-year-plus partnership with a community nonprofit organization, Avista’s recycling program, Investment Recovery, employs a number of intellectually or developmentally

disabled workers who help us recycle paper, corrugated cardboard, aluminum cans, plastic, magazines, newspapers, wood reels, phone books and batteries. Avista is also committed to recycling non-hazardous electrical equipment and materials. Working closely with recycling companies, aluminum, copper, lead, and other ferrous and non-ferrous metals are reclaimed and recycled. Other materials are prepared for re-use within our own system or offered to others for re-use. Not only is it good for the environment, but our recycling efforts have saved Avista thousands of dollars in disposal costs. Materials from our field operations, service centers, generation stations and office environments are processed for recycling through Investment Recovery.

### MANAGED SOLID AND HAZARDOUS WASTE (POUNDS)

CATEGORY OF WASTE	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Solid Waste (Non-RCRA)	115,008	143,673	95,459	120,994	115,365
Hazardous Waste (RCRA)	5,284	6,857	3,660	6,382	4,933
Hazardous Waste (WA State)	29,641	25,419	9,520	566	2,433
Universal Waste (RCRA Exempt)	14,273	10,671	4,625	5,654	5,288

### INVESTMENT RECOVERY RECYCLED SCRAP MATERIALS

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total Weight of Recycled Scrap Materials (Pounds)	1,572,497	1,533,707	1,374,429	2,151,284	1,523,933
Total Sales of Recycled Scrap Materials	\$548,558	\$460,009	\$431,539	\$899,681	\$860,331

## MANAGING POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS (PCBS)

Avista manages PCBs and mineral oil that contains low levels of PCBs in a manner that meets or exceeds the standards of the TSCA and Washington state's stringent regulations. Our goal is to minimize risk associated with PCBs, to avoid spills or releases, and to clean up any releases to levels of non-detection. Federal and state regulations allow the ongoing use of PCB-containing electrical equipment. However, we decided to take a more conservative and proactive approach to reducing risks associated with PCBs. The vast majority of the equipment in service at Avista is non-PCB.

We are now in the final stages of a multi-year project to remove and replace all electrical distribution equipment with any detectable levels of PCBs—an approach that exceeds any applicable regulatory requirement. We are unaware of any other investor-owned utility in the United States which has implemented such an effort. We are, once again, conducting these efforts in concert with system and efficiency upgrades and in coordination with our wood pole management, grid modernization and other asset maintenance programs. In this way, we are achieving increased environmental protection along with reliability improvements in a cost-effective manner, benefiting our customers and our communities.





## NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT:

### BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT

Our operations stretch 30,000 square miles across four Pacific Northwest states. From our generating plants, electric transmission and natural gas pipeline corridors, electrical substations to our distribution systems, we intersect with a tremendous amount of diverse habitat and wildlife. Avista implements specific programs, projects and stakeholder agreements with oversight from federal, state and local agencies to protect and enhance this habitat and the wildlife that it supports.

Since implementing the Clark Fork Settlement Agreement (CFSA) as part of our FERC hydroelectric license, we have upgraded over 20 recreational facilities, created six new recreational facilities, completed over 47 stream habitat restoration projects spanning 25 different tributaries and protected just over 90,000 acres of Bull Trout habitat, wetlands, riparian and associated upland habitats.

During this same time, we have also developed and helped to grow the number of local watershed councils from two to nine along the Clark Fork River. These local watershed councils provide a forum for local landowners and the public to meet, review and make informed decisions regarding issues associated with their natural resources. Avista, through the CFSA, helps to fund the administrative costs of these councils and supports grant funding opportunities. Over the past 23 years, Avista's grant writing on behalf of the councils has secured over \$13 million of grant

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funding for additional habitat restoration projects. These grants and additional projects do not reduce Avista’s own CFSAs obligations, rather they provide additional opportunities for enhancing our shared natural resources.

Avista similarly supports federal and local agencies on a habitat and wetland restoration effort at the mouth of the Clark Fork River where it meets Lake Pend Oreille and in the Bull River Valley in Montana. The Clark Fork restoration effort included the placement of more than 50,000 tons of rock for rebuilding shorelines and the planting of approximately 90,000 trees and shrubs in the restored areas. These wetlands are now rebuilding themselves, providing natural habitat for fish, birds and other wildlife.

Since implementing the Spokane River FERC hydroelectric license back in 2009, Avista has purchased over 4,400 acres of wetland riparian and associated upland habitat in the Spokane River watershed as part of our ongoing efforts to enhance plant diversity and wetland functionality. Land management protection efforts include maintaining a 200-foot buffer along 14 miles of Lake Spokane shoreline and managing it as conservation land. Additionally, Avista placed conservation easements on 109 acres along the West Branch of the Little Spokane River and 1,440 acres of shoreline at the lower portion of Lake Spokane to protect these properties in perpetuity.

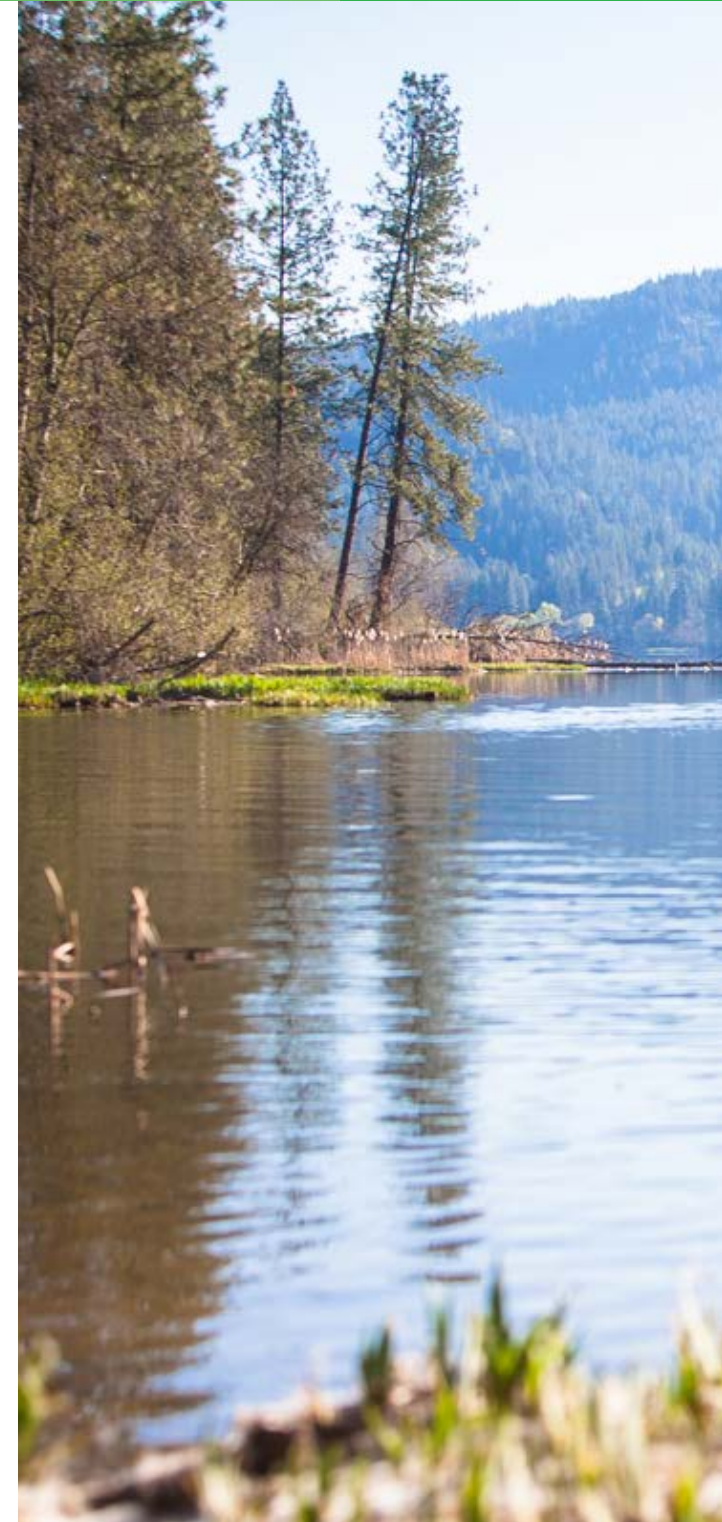
Shoreline stabilization efforts include restoring over 11,000 linear feet of eroding shorelines along the St. Joe, Coeur d’Alene and Spokane Rivers. Over 24,000 trees and/or shrubs have been planted in the Spokane River watershed. Avista and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game have acquired and/

or placed 183 acres in conservation easements to preserve cold water refuge areas for native salmonids along the Coeur d’Alene River and its tributaries.

We continue to engage shoreline homeowners within the Spokane River watershed on the importance of lawn area reduction, reduced fertilizer use, bulkhead removal and installation of natural vegetative buffers along the shoreline. All these efforts have led to the establishment of a growing vegetative buffer, which reduces erosion, increases shade, encourages fish habitat, and stabilizes the shoreline along with improving water quality within the watershed.

Throughout our facilities and project areas, we manage noxious weeds and nuisance plant species, including non-native species, in partnership with our state and local agency weed control boards. When implementing projects, whether new construction projects, habitat enhancements or restoration efforts, native vegetation and locally desirable plants are used. We also manage fire fuels on project lands, including monitoring, collection and removal to reduce the risk of wildfires that could damage habitats and wildlife.

Our service territories have not been immune to the effects of climate change. We are seeing evidence of rising temperatures, changing precipitation patterns and instances of drought in areas in which we operate. These climate change impacts are creating conditions that increase the risk of wildfires. To respond to this threat, Avista has implemented a [Wildfire Resiliency Plan](#). This plan seeks to further minimize the possibilities of wildfires and their related impacts on our habitat and wildlife through the expansion of



our current safeguards for preventing, mitigating and reducing the impact of wildfires. Our 10-year Wildfire Resiliency Plan emphasizes grid hardening, vegetation management, partnerships with emergency providers and fire agencies, and provide helpful resources and tips to protect public and private property in order to prevent wildfires.

### THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES

Due to the nature and location of our operations, we are aware of threatened and endangered species and issues related to them that could be impacted by our business and we make every effort to comply with all laws and regulations relating to these threatened and endangered species. For example, several species of fish in the Pacific Northwest are listed as threatened or endangered under the Federal Endangered Species Act.

One such threatened species is Bull Trout, a salmonid that is native to the Clark Fork River, among other area waters. As part of our comprehensive CFSA, a collaborative process involving the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Native American Tribes, the states of Idaho and Montana, and numerous others, we have been implementing a Bull Trout restoration program for more than 20 years. Many of our protection, mitigation and enhancement measures of the natural resources along the Clark Fork River focus on improving native Bull Trout habitat, including those highlighted efforts in the preceding Biodiversity Management section.

To increase Bull Trout populations, we developed a genetic testing process to identify their stream of origin and have implemented programs to facilitate their return migration. We also operate fish traps in several key tributaries to capture and transport juvenile Bull Trout downstream as a part of our overall efforts. Together, these and other activities have already seen increases in Bull Trout recovery.

Fish passage of Bull Trout around our Cabinet Gorge Dam has been a long-term priority for Avista and our partners. We currently employ several manual efforts to capture Bull Trout below our dam and release them upstream of our dam. Following several experimental efforts with federal and state agencies, and local Tribes, we jointly decided to build a permanent fish passage facility.

This new fish passage facility, which began operations in summer of 2022, is designed to enhance the return migration of adult Bull Trout and other native fish species. Once reaching adulthood in Lake Pend Oreille, Bull Trout will swim upstream and reach the under-construction Cabinet Gorge Dam Fishway. The migrating Bull Trout will be collected in the Fishway and transported upstream of our Cabinet Gorge Dam, enabling them to spawn in their native streams.

Various statutory authorities have established regulations for the protection of migratory and other threatened or endangered birds such as the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Because we operate facilities that can pose risks to a variety of such birds, we have implemented an Avian Protection Plan and a Bald Eagle Management Plan. The purpose of these plans is to help reduce operational and wildlife risks that result from avian interactions with our electrical facilities.

Our avian compliance management plans incorporate avian safety designs into our electrical system, both to power lines and electric substations in avian protection zones. In conjunction with our local agencies, our plans also guide permitting obligations, training, monitoring and reporting of avian incidents with our electrical system. Avian incidents are analyzed to determine if further protection enhancements may reduce the likelihood of similar incidents going forward.

We also engage with our local communities through public outreach and safety events to raise awareness and provide educational resources to build better relationships between the public and our protected wildlife.



## THE AVIAN POWER LINE INTERACTION COMMITTEE (APLIC)

Avista is a member of the APLIC which leads the electric utility industry in protecting avian resources while enhancing reliable energy delivery. The APLIC works in partnership with utilities, resources agencies and the public to:

- Develop and provide educational resources
- Identify and fund research
- Develop and provide cost-effective management options
- Serve as the focal point for avian interaction utility issues



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## WHITE BLUFFS BLADDERPOD

As part of our construction permitting processes, habitat and wildlife impact assessments are performed to ensure that our operations do no harm to the environment. One such assessment related to a transmission line rebuild identified the White Bluffs Bladderpod, a threatened native plant listed under the Endangered Species Act. In conjunction with our local agencies, we were able to modify our construction project schedule, processes and implement numerous protection and enhanced mitigation measure to avoid damaging plants and their critical habitat.

The actions that we took to protect the White Bluffs Bladderpod include:

- Scheduled work during the plant's seasonal dormant period
- Minimized vehicle and equipment access and use within the critical habitat zone
- Ensured that equipment and personnel were not introducing invasive plants
- Enhanced soil erosion, storm water and fire suppression mitigation activities
- Utilized helicopters rather than large equipment on the ground to install transmission poles



## HISTORIC AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

The history of the Pacific Northwest is all around us, in people and in places that we frequent. To preserve our unique and important cultural resources for our future generations, we have established partnerships with our neighboring American Indian Tribes, as well as local and state historic preservation offices. Together, we plan and execute initiatives to preserve historical and cultural resources in addition to protecting wildlife and the environment.

A majority of our cultural resource work is performed before any action is taken out in the field, with an overall goal of avoiding impacts. We conduct pre-construction cultural assessments as part of our internal permitting and project management processes. Depending on the location and scope of the proposed project, our regional Tribes and local agencies will perform or review site surveys prior to construction commencing. Oversight of any protected, sensitive or culturally significant resources that were identified during the site surveys may need to be monitored throughout the project to ensure its protection and restoration.

Avista is committed to managing and protecting the cultural resources of our area in a manner that balances operational needs, environmental requirements and public access needs to recreational sites with appropriate levels of cultural and natural resources protection in partnership with our stakeholders. Facilities, projects and recreational access will be sited and constructed in locations and through means that ensure impacts to natural and cultural resources are avoided, minimized and mitigated appropriately.

As part of our Clark Fork and Spokane River FERC operating licenses for the operations of our hydroelectric facilities, Avista developed comprehensive Programmatic Agreements and Cultural/Historical Property Management Plans. Under these plans, Avista engages and consults with our regional American Indian Tribes in numerous cultural resource protection and restoration initiatives, along with State Historic Preservation offices.

In addition to typical approaches to protecting historical, cultural, and often archeological resources, our efforts extend to protecting and enhancing fish habitat and supporting cultural releases of salmon in local waterways, acquiring over 4,300 wetland and associated upland acres titled to the Coeur d'Alene Tribes for wetland restoration efforts and the development and administration of cultural programs from traditional fishing practices, canoe building to harvesting water potatoes, a traditional food source of one Tribe.

We have also created compliance management plans for many of our historical properties. The management and protection of these cultural resources are consistent with our other project and land management measures. Our approach for managing our historical sites apply to those sites currently listed on or determined to be eligible for recognition through the National Register of Historic Places.



## NATIVE AMERICAN INTERPRETIVE DISPLAY

Located along the shores of the Clark Fork River near the town of Noxon, Montana, Avista manages Pilgrim Creek Park. In addition to normal amenities such as playgrounds, sport fields, open grassed areas, picnic areas, washrooms, benches and walking trails, this park also contains a simulated American Indian encampment. This interpretive and educational display was designed and developed in conjunction with the Confederated Salish and Kootenai, Kalispel, Kootenai of Idaho, and the Coeur d'Alene Tribes of Indians to highlight traditional resources and cultural practices. This interpretive display represents a single Tribal family's encampment by the river, sojourning to catch and dry fish for the winter ahead.

## CULTURAL SALMON RELEASES

In partnership with the Colville Confederated Tribes, Spokane Tribe of Indians, and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, Avista participates in the cultural release of juvenile Chinook salmon in the Spokane River, Little Spokane River, Hangman Creek, and Tshimakain Creek. The salmon releases are made possible, in part, through projects funded by Avista's Spokane River license agreements.

In one example, since 2020, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe has been releasing juvenile Chinook salmon into Hangman Creek. From here, the juvenile salmon make their way to the Spokane River, then down into the Columbia River and eventually into the Pacific Ocean, travelling 700 river miles along the way. In summer 2022, an adult female Chinook salmon that was part of the original juvenile release group was detected back in the Columbia River near Chief Joseph Dam. It was captured and transported back upstream around dams that do not have fish passage.

Avista joined the Coeur d'Alene Tribe in celebrating the return of this traditionally important species and the release of the salmon into her natal stream Hangman Creek, so she can continue her journey. This program provides a rare experience enabling the Tribe to honor the return of the salmon to their traditional waters.





## EQUITABLE PUBLIC ACCESS

In addition to generating clean, renewable hydropower, our Clark Fork and Spokane River hydroelectric projects provide abundant recreational opportunities for our customers and local communities. These generating facilities, and the waters and lands associated with them, provide outdoor recreational activities such as boating, camping, fishing, bird watching, swimming, hiking, and more.

As part of the Clark Fork and Spokane River Project Licenses, we implement recreation plans with our agency partners, including customer and community involvement, to determine recreational project priorities, ongoing maintenance requirements and the planning, design, and construction of new or enhanced recreation projects.

Enhancements to existing recreation projects take on many different forms depending on the current condition of the existing amenities and the identified priorities of our agency partners. The goal of these enhancement projects is to ensure the continued care, maintenance and expansion of quality amenities that our communities desire, ensuring that they will continue to be available for the enjoyment of our customers and communities for generations to come. Our recreation project improvements include:

- Americans with Disabilities Act compliant access including enhanced parking, paved walkways, access ramps and overlooks.
- Trail improvements and the installation of project, interpretive and cultural signage.

- Landscaping, fencing, lighting, picnic tables and refuse and recycling facilities.
- Campsite and day use area improvements and restroom facilities.
- Shoreline stabilization, boat ramp and dock construction or extensions.

Anglers visit Avista project waters from across the region to take advantage of the benefits of our, and our partners,' aquatic management. We also stock Lake Spokane and other sections of the Spokane River with more than 150,000 rainbow trout each year. Stocking with sterile trout provides excellent fishing opportunities while reducing pressure on native stocks.

We invite local community members and new visitors to our backyard to explore the abundance of recreational opportunities that Avista has the honor of providing and supporting along our Clark Fork River and Spokane River projects. Plan your next adventure by visiting our recreational facility and amenity interactive maps:

[View Clark Fork River interactive map](#)

[View Spokane River interactive map](#)

### CLARK FORK PROJECT RECREATION AMENITIES:

- 5,000 acres open to the public
- 57 public recreation sites
- Campgrounds and day use areas
- 11,140 surface acres of water
- 14 boat launches

### SPOKANE RIVER PROJECT RECREATION AMENITIES:

- 3,000 acres open to the public
- 101 public recreation sites
- Campgrounds and day use areas
- 5,655 surface acres of water
- 4 boat launches

Located on the Spokane River next to Spokane's city hall and bordering Riverfront Park, we developed the Spokane Tribal Gathering Place as a gift to Spokane in celebration of our Company's 125th anniversary. This urban plaza features views and access from downtown to the Spokane River, amphitheater seating, water features and several terraced gathering spaces. The Spokane Tribal Gathering Place also connects the public to our Huntington Park that underwent significant renovations in conjunction with the development of the plaza.

Avista's Huntington Park frames the amazing power of the Spokane River for visitors as the River plunges down the lower falls and incorporates themed structures, hydroelectric dam artifacts, and period light fixtures to highlight the history of our River City.

We are continuing our legacy of enhancing public access and recreational opportunities among our natural resources with our development of Upriver Park. This new park, opened in 2022, provides additional public access to the Spokane River, enhances the ecological health of the shoreline and improves public safety along the adjacent Centennial Trail.

Upriver Park includes amenities such as a launch area for paddlers, park benches, interpretive signs, picnic tables, bike racks, lighting and a plaza greeting park visitors at each of the two entrances, along with the plantings of native trees and shrubs.



# OUR COMMITMENT TO OUR PEOPLE



## OUR COMMITMENT TO OUR PEOPLE

Our success lies in hiring talented people and setting them free to pursue great ideas—ideas that engage the imagination, stretch us all and ensure that we continue to provide exemplary and cost-effective service to our customers. Our efforts and commitments include:

1. Proactively ensuring a safe and healthy work environment, preventing accidents and incidents, and ensuring that all Avista employees return home healthy and whole.
2. Fostering a culture that values trust, and respect based on equity, inclusion and diversity, and offering all employees the chance to enrich their lives and careers through challenging and meaningful work—all in an equal opportunity workplace that is surrounded by a supportive and inclusive environment.
3. Valuing the contribution of our employees by focusing on creating and maintaining an environment to attract, develop, motivate, retain and reward talented employees.
4. We act with integrity while conducting our operations in compliance with the laws, rules, and regulations that govern our business.
5. Holding our contractors to the same ethical and compliance standards to which we hold ourselves.



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Safety and well-being are an essential part of our mission. For us, it means providing safe and reliable energy to our customers and communities 24/7, 365 days a year while protecting ourselves and others from harm. Avista prioritizes the safety and well-being of our employees and likewise expects employees to place their own personal safety, the safety of their co-workers and the safety of our customers and communities at the forefront of their decisions and actions.

We collaborate with our employees to build this personal responsibility regarding safety and well-being measures to ensure a safe work environment. We also require that if someone witnesses a situation that may endanger themselves, other employees, customers or community members, or threatens to damage an Avista asset or piece of equipment, they take immediate action to stop the unsafe situation. All employees and contractors of Avista have the authority to immediately stop work without fear of retaliation through our Authorization to Stop Work program.

**SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

Avista has adopted the National Safety Council's Safety Management System (SMS) and the

Pipeline Safety Management System (PSMS) to provide an overall framework for the Company's implementation of its safety and well-being programs for employees, our systems, and the public. From hazard identification, regulatory compliance requirements, policies and procedures, training and awareness communications, incident tracking and analysis, safety checks and inspections to program assessments, Avista's use of these Safety Management Systems provides a consistent and structured approach to our safety and well-being programs and affords us the opportunity to continuously learn, improve and ensure that our workplace is safe, secure and healthy.

We generally perform biennial assessments of our safety and well-being programs which include overall maturity and effectiveness levels, how changing or emerging safety initiatives are being addressed, evaluating results of our new initiatives or campaigns, and tracking current data and metrics against baseline and historical measures. Feeding into these assessments are the results of our Company-wide safety and well-being survey. This voluntary survey is an anonymous and confidential means for our employees to provide critical insights regarding our program structure and performance. Survey topics include management commitment, supervisor engagement, employee involvement, safety support activities, safety support climate and overall organizational culture among other topics. We are committed to understanding how we may improve our programs and initiatives to ensure that our employees return home safely at the end of the day.

Avista's safety and well-being commitments, policy and requirements are presented in the Company's [Commitment to Workplace Safety and Well-Being](#).

At Avista, we pride ourselves in our mindset that everyone is a safety leader whose role is to ensure the safety of ourselves and of those around us. We all have a responsibility to question, challenge, and fix any situation that we feel is not in compliance with safe practices or safety policies. Our work must be performed in the safest possible manner consistent with our safe work practices, policies and requirements.





## SAFETY AND WELL-BEING ENGAGEMENT

To ensure that our safety and well-being commitments remain at the forefront our business decisions and actions, Avista has implemented an all-inclusive approach consisting of employee representation across all levels of the organization. Collaboration and engagement are prioritized to effectively operate our safety and well-being programs in the following structure:

Further, our safety and well-being commitments and program requirements are key topics addressed in our formal agreements with trade unions that represent our bargaining employees. Our Labor and Management Committee regularly meets to promote collaboration and open dialogue in order to review and work through safety, well-being, performance and other action items. In addition to the collaborative work and focus on safety and well-being topics within the Joint Safety Committees, Avista’s formal agreements with trade unions also include grievance and arbitration provisions to address any raised safety and well-being concern or complaint.

Safety Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advances Avista’s culture of safety and well-being.</li> <li>• Provides strategic direction through the Company’s Safety Management Systems (SMSs).</li> <li>• Working group comprised of senior management.</li> <li>• Monitors organizational safety performance.</li> <li>• Recognizes safety excellence.</li> <li>• Quarterly reporting to Board of Directors.</li> </ul>
Safety Leadership Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implements safety and well-being initiatives across the organization to support our SMSs.</li> <li>• Working group comprised of safety leaders.</li> <li>• Coordinates and monitors safety and well-being performance.</li> </ul>
Safety Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports employees by implementing safety and well-being initiatives across the organization.</li> <li>• Provides safety expertise and guidance.</li> <li>• Working group comprised of Public and Safety Specialists, Industrial Hygiene, Human &amp; Organizational Performance and Safety Administration.</li> </ul>
Joint Safety Committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus on safety and well-being issues related to their specific functioning areas across the organization.</li> <li>• Comprised of bargaining and non-bargaining employees.</li> </ul>
Operations Teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monthly team meetings led by Safety Chairs / Co-Chairs.</li> <li>• Responsible for awareness and providing updates to new or changing items and for the collection of safety concerns.</li> </ul>

## SAFETY AND WELL-BEING RESOURCES

To support and equip our employees with the necessary knowledge, skills and resources to perform their work in a safe and healthy manner, Avista administers regular trainings, communications, reports and metrics, safety alerts and lessons learned based on human performance and organizational improvement principles and ongoing performance management. Training is delivered through a combination of Avista instructor-led, third party-led and online training programs. We also supply the following resources to our employees for their continued safety and well-being:

- All new hires regardless of position receive a safety onboarding kit and complete required safety and well-being training
- Contract employees receive a safety orientation before commencing work on any Avista property
- Personal protective equipment
- Ergonomic tools and equipment to reduce fatigue, strain or potential injuries
- Operator qualification training for our natural gas employees for safe operation of gas systems
- Substance abuse prevention program including pre-employment, random, for-cause and post-incident testing and monitoring

- Confidential Employee Assistance Program administered by a third-party provider supports our employees and their families in resources needed to maintain healthy and productive lives

## SAFETY AND WELL-BEING IN ACTION

To further engrain and ensure the safety and well-being of our employees, we have been active in operationalizing our proactive safety and well-being measures through targeted actions including:

- Daily safety tailboard meetings for field crews
- Structured safety tailboard meetings for field crews at the start of each new project
- Weekly safety huddles among work groups
- Monthly department safety meetings
- Monthly Joint Safety Committee (JSC) meetings with management and bargained employees focusing on actionable safety and well-being items
- Reporting of near misses or potential safety concerns are encouraged and shared with all employees through Safety Alerts and Lessons Learned
- Incident assessments based on the Human & Organizational Performance methodology to reduce incident consequences or eliminate hazards entirely
- Lessons learned from incident assessments are shared Company-wide for employees to learn safe practices at work and at home

- Monthly safety newsletter including performance metrics
- Safety and well-being information management system accessible to all employees for reporting incidents, accidents and near misses as well as real-time access to safety metrics and action item status
- Annual safety conference reinforcing our commitments to safety through learning, sharing and reflecting on our continuous efforts to improve safety performance.
- Safety medallion recognitions for outstanding service to safety
- The MoveSafe® program, which is a comprehensive initiative that promotes physical activity and healthy living to support proper body movement and prevent injuries.

Our ultimate goal is best summed up in our employee-created slogan:

**SAFETY FOR FAMILY.  
FOR WORK. FOR LIFE.**



## OUR SAFETY INTENT STATEMENT

As an Avista safety leader, I am committed and responsible for my safety and the safety of those around me. I am focused on the task at hand and recognize that no situation is routine. I am vigilant in maintaining my hazard awareness because something can always go wrong.

I am always learning and seeking safer ways to complete my work. I step in and speak up when I observe at-risk actions and welcome constructive feedback from others. I support others when they are doing it right.

All of my decisions focus on integrating safety into the work I do. I am well-trained and follow safe work practices in my job and in my life.

My family can rely on me to come home healthy and whole.

Safety Metrics include data from all employees; full-time, part-time, seasonal and temporary employees.

SAFETY METRICS:	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
<b>Recordable Injury Rate (RIR):</b> Recordable injuries per 200,000 hours worked	4.80	3.21	3.27 4.46 COVID-19 <sup>1</sup>	3.88 5.26 COVID-19 <sup>1</sup>	3.38 6.46 COVID-19 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Lost Time Injury Rate (LTIUR):</b> Lost-time injuries per 200,000 hours worked	1.68	1.31	1.49 2.67 COVID-19 <sup>1</sup>	1.61 2.99 COVID-19 <sup>1</sup>	1.84 4.92 COVID-19 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Near Miss Frequency Rate (NMFR):</b> Near Misses per 200,000 hours worked	2020 was the first year of formally tracking near misses		0.48	1.55	3.38
<b>Recordable Vehicle Accident Rate (RVAR):</b> Recordable Accidents/1,000,000 miles driven	6.01	5.20	5.80	4.48	7.09
<b>Preventable Vehicle Accident Rate (PVAR):<sup>2</sup></b> Preventable Accidents/1,000,000 miles driven	4.60	3.51	4.16	3.43	5.17
Employee fatalities	0	0	0	0	0

<sup>1</sup> This includes work related COVID-19 cases.

<sup>2</sup> A preventable vehicle accident is a vehicle accident where the Avista driver did not take all appropriate steps to prevent the accident.



**2** Fostering a culture that values trust, and respect based on equity, inclusion and diversity, and offering all employees the chance to enrich their lives and careers through challenging and meaningful work—all in an equal opportunity workplace that is surrounded by a supportive and inclusive environment.

## EQUITY, INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY COMMITMENT

We take immense pride in our workplace culture, a culture that values trust and respect, and that guides our overall commitment to doing what is right. Our people are committed to conducting business ethically and honestly and we are committed to providing a trusting and respectful work environment centered around equity, inclusion and diversity for all.

We believe that diversity in our backgrounds and experiences makes us stronger as a Company and as a community. With diversity of backgrounds and experiences, Avista gains the benefit of looking at our business from different perspectives, leading to innovative breakthroughs for our customers and an engaging employee experience. Our goals can best be achieved by bringing forward a truly equitable, inclusive and diverse workforce where employees feel they belong and are valued and empowered to fully engage in their work every day.

Avista’s commitment to equity, inclusion and diversity begins at the top. Our entire officer team is committed to continuing to find ways to encourage our people to expand their knowledge and gain new experiences. Avista’s Our People Council is made up of a large and diverse group of employees and officers from across the Company. Together, we aim to support a diverse and engaged workforce that enables us to execute on our strategies.

For 2023, we targeted actionable goals within each area of our Equity, Inclusion and Diversity Strategic Plan. Focus was given to employee retention initiatives with specific pay equity and employee engagement projects, as well as implementing strategic actions to attract new employees and continue developing our employment pipelines.



### EQUITY

Fair treatment and equality of opportunity with a focus on the structures and systems that can lead to inequity.



### INCLUSION

Behaviors and norms of others and how the environment is set up to make room for everyone.

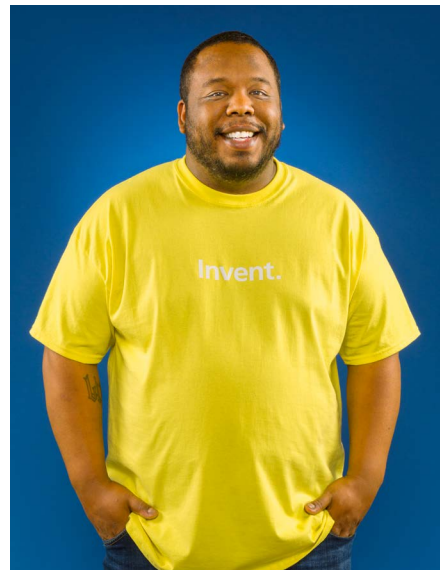


### DIVERSITY

Seeking out a broad range of people to work at Avista recognizing that each of us bring unique strengths.

## BELONGING

We want to create a culture of belonging where **everyone** is valued.



## EQUITY

We are proud of our ongoing work to support fair and equitable treatment across all areas of the employee experience, from the time individuals take interest in working with us, until they retire. We enjoy a strong retention rate for those who join Avista, and many spend their careers with us. As external competition for talent becomes stronger, we are setting the bar even higher, with additional practices that ensure fair treatment and equity of opportunities remain differentiators for Avista.

Avista’s current practices, which include pay equity, incentive pay opportunities, benefits, rewards programs and performance management are all integral to maintaining and improving equity across our organization. We are consistently evaluating and analyzing current processes to look for additional opportunities to ensure equity for all our people during their Employee Experience.

As part of these efforts in 2023, we continued to execute on our multi-year pay equity project. This pay equity project includes updating job profiles, performing compensation assessments, completing role-to-role comparisons to assess internal equity, and making adjustments to compensation as a result of these assessments. The job profile work included a review of minimum qualifications to improve inclusive language, assess and remove barriers to entry, adjust for equity across the organization, and remove or adjust qualifications where equivalencies were more appropriate. The Company’s job postings, both internal and external postings, have also added compensation ranges and full benefit details, bringing additional transparency to our compensation and benefit packages.

At Avista, equity is not a “one and done,” nor does it simply mean adhering to our Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action programs. Our equity journey will be ongoing and evolving. We will continue to source information from our employees, as well as external sources as we build upon our current equity practices.



### EQUITY GOAL:

Our systems, programs and processes are designed to support all of our people so that every person has opportunities and access for growth.

### ASPIRATION:

9 out of 10 employees will agree with the Engagement Survey response to “I feel that I am treated with fairness and respect, regardless of background or position” by 2030.

## INCLUSION

At Avista, we consistently receive positive scores around employee engagement and many of its drivers. We strive to move even further with our positive employee engagement and workplace culture in support of equity, inclusion, diversity

and belonging. For example, Avista’s 2022 Employee Engagement Survey shows that 75% of our people agree with the statement “I feel like I belong here.” And 78% of Avista’s employees are significantly engaged—an emotional state where they feel passionate, energetic and committed towards their work and fully invest in their best selves. We also increased our overall employee participation in this survey, increasing to 73% in 2022. We continue to want to do more. We want everyone to feel like they belong at Avista, are engaged and that they are heard, respected and valued.

The purpose of the engagement survey is to provide employees at all levels of the organization with an opportunity to confidentially share their perspectives about their experiences working at Avista and our workplace culture. In conjunction with this latest engagement survey, an Employee Experience Core Team was established to respond to the survey results and other feedback channels to implement improvements to our employee experience. In 2023, this team identified three areas to address based on the 2022 Employee Engagement survey themes: 1) organizational transparency, 2) new employee onboarding and orientation, and 3) unified solutions-bridging gaps across employee experiences.

We have also been intentional about creating a work environment where employees feel valued. In 2023, we initiated new development programs for craft employees, including craft leader development opportunities and mentorship programs for early career craft employees. These opportunities are in the development stage with plans to launch in 2024.

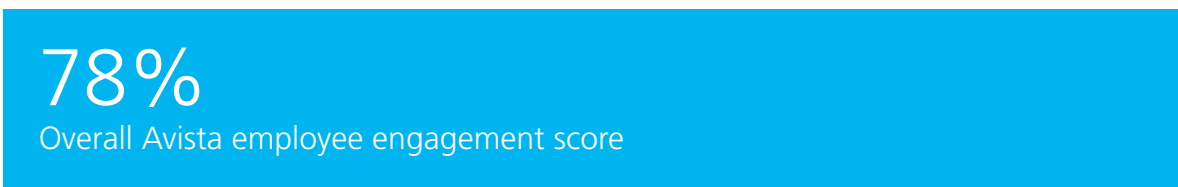
Deepening our commitments to belonging, Avista continues to support the development of Employee Resource Groups (ERG). The Women of Avista ERG continues to flourish with engagement opportunities for all employees such as mentorship programs, conference attendance, book clubs and celebrating International Women’s Day. Similarly, the Diversity Awareness ERG helped organize and sponsor Avista’s participation in local community events celebrating diversity, including the Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Rally and March, the Pride Parade and Festival, and the Unity in the Community, among others.

The Veterans of Avista ERG was launched in 2022. In their first year, they have hosted a kick-off event for all employees featuring an Avista board member who retired from military service as a Major General, sponsored an Avista team for the HEROES Silkies Walk which supports mental health for veterans, hosted a volunteering event at a local food bank, developed a mentorship program, and have pulled together a Veteran Benefits resource catalog for veterans employed at Avista.

In 2023, a group of employees established the History of Avista ERG to preserve and share the history of the Company through stories, photos, and other historical artifacts, which includes capturing the rich history of diversity within the Company. We are committed to supporting our employees and are excited to see the positive impacts that these ERGs have in our workplace culture.



HIGHEST SCORING ENGAGEMENT SURVEY QUESTIONS	2019	2022	CHANGE FROM 2019
The people I work with treat me with respect.	87%	89%	+2
I enjoy working with the people on my team.	86%	89%	+3
I’m willing to go beyond the requirement of my job to help Avista succeed.	93%	89%	-4
The people on my team collaborate and help each other.	82%	85%	+3
The people I work with have a passion for doing their best and serving the customer.	82%	84%	+2
I have the freedom to choose how to best perform my job.	81%	84%	+3





**INCLUSION GOAL:**

Avista is where everyone is valued.

**ASPIRATION:**

9 out of 10 employees will agree with the Engagement Survey response to “I feel like I belong here” by 2030.

**DIVERSITY**

At Avista, a source of pride is that we have long focused on attracting, retaining and supporting a diverse workforce. And we strive to raise the bar higher to better mirror the changing demographics in both the available workforce for the types of jobs we have as well as the communities we serve.

We would first like to first provide a view into some aspects of the diversity make-up of our employee population. The breakdown shows gender, race and ethnicity, tenure, age and generational diversity metrics—areas with more available data. In 2023, we began identifying other important employee metrics for inclusion in the Avista ‘Our People’ dashboard. These additional metrics and insights may help identify systemic barriers as well as engagement opportunities to ensure that our people have the support and development opportunities needed for their growth and advancement.



**AVISTA PRESIDENT AND COO  
HEATHER ROSENTRATER**

Heather Rosentrater is Avista’s 15th President since our founding in 1889 and the first female President in the Company’s history.

“It’s an honor and a privilege to be named as President of Avista. This is an exciting time to take on this important role and I’m intrigued by the possibilities ahead. Every day, I’m still impressed by the innovative spirit that’s instilled in Avista’s culture—it’s what attracted me to join this Company, what keeps me engaged every day, and what makes Avista so unique compared

to others in the energy industry. Our employees are second to none when it comes to their commitment to each other and to the customers and communities we serve. I look forward to continuing to tap into our deep, rich history of innovation, to partner with our customers in new and mutually-beneficial ways, and to engage with our incredible employees to forge our future—together—during this transformative time in the energy industry.”

**—Heather Rosentrater, Avista’s President and Chief Operating Officer**

## FEMALE REPRESENTATION, RACIALLY & ETHNICITY DIVERSE, RACIALLY & ETHNICITY DIVERSE BREAKDOWN, EMPLOYEE TENURE, GENERATIONAL DIVERSITY, AND AGE DISTRIBUTION

FEMALE REPRESENTATION <sup>1</sup>	AVISTA %	WORKFORCE AVAILABILITY % <sup>2</sup>
All of Avista	29%	50%
Craft Employees <sup>3</sup>	2%	10%
Non-Craft Employees	38%	50%
All Leaders <sup>4</sup>	29%	N/A
Manager or Directors	30%	28%
Executives <sup>5</sup>	14%	27%

RACIALLY AND ETHNICALLY DIVERSE REPRESENTATION <sup>1</sup>	AVISTA %	WORKFORCE AVAILABILITY % <sup>2</sup>
All of Avista	9%	7%
Craft Employees <sup>3</sup>	5%	13%
Non-Craft Employees	10%	11%
All Leaders <sup>4</sup>	7%	N/A
Manager or Directors	7%	7%
Executives <sup>5</sup>	7%	7%

RACIALLY AND ETHNICALLY DIVERSE BREAKDOWN <sup>1</sup>	AVISTA %	WORKFORCE AVAILABILITY % <sup>2</sup>
White	91.2%	89.1%
Black or African American	0.7%	2.8%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0.8%	1.5%
Asian	1.8%	3.0%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.2%	0.5%
Two or More Races	2.1%	3.1%
Hispanic or Latino	3.2%	N/A

AVISTA EMPLOYEE TENURE	%
Less than 1 Year	13%
1 to 4 Years	22%
5 to 9 Years	20%
10 to 19 years	30%
20 to 29 Years	13%
Over 30 Years	2%

AVISTA GENERATIONAL DIVERSITY	%
Generation Z (1996 to Present)	7%
Millennial (1981–1995)	40%
Generation X (1965–1980)	42%
Baby Boomer (1946–1964)	11%

AVISTA EMPLOYEE AGE DISTRIBUTION	%
Under 18	None
18–29	13%
30–44	42%
45–60	40%
Over 60	6%

Avista employee data is as of 01/01/2023 and includes all regular full-time and part-time employees, including temporary workers and student interns.

<sup>1</sup> Female, Race and Ethnic figures are based on the categories reported in our Federally required Affirmative Action Plan. This information is provided through employee self-identification.

<sup>2</sup> Workforce Availability is defined as individuals in the greater Spokane area of working age (18), based on data from the 2010 US Census data.

<sup>3</sup> Craft Employees is defined as an employee who develops specific skills and a comprehensive knowledge of work processes which are acquired through on-the-job training, experience and apprenticeships, or other formal training programs.

<sup>4</sup> All Leaders is defined as supervisors or higher.

<sup>5</sup> Executive is defined as vice president or higher.

In addition to these diversity metrics, on an annual basis we file the Equal Employment Opportunity Report (EEO-1) with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). This report further breaks down our employees' diversity demographics and our most recent report is available in the [Appendix](#) of this report. Avista Corporation's EEO-1 report contains employment metrics for both Avista Utilities and Alaska Electric and Light Power.

We recognize that diversity comes in additional forms than are presented here. We plan to expand our understanding and awareness of other areas such as veterans, LGBTQ+ and individuals with disabilities, just to name a few. Avista will continue to encourage employees to self-identify in these aspects of diversity so that we can more fully understand our current workforce and assess future progress.

As part of our diversity commitments, we created a robust recruiting action plan. This includes a strong focus on building diverse recruitment pipelines into craft positions and engineering roles, among others. By engaging with regional American Indian Tribes, veteran and military programs and building partnerships with local organizations serving people of color, women, LGBTQ+, and persons with disabilities, we are purposeful in our recruitment approach to access all members of our community. In 2023 we also piloted and implemented new talent sourcing solutions. Early data from these new recruiting sources are showing positive results with an increase in the number of diverse applicants. Finally, we developed and piloted a 'Best Practices in Recruiting & Hiring' program in the second half of 2023, with a planned formal and Company-wide launch to come in 2024.

We will continue to implement further practices, assessments, and comprehensive strategies to make significant progress to support our diversity aspirations. This aspirational goal will help us to focus our efforts and support forward progress, setting the direction and raising the bar higher for our diversity efforts.



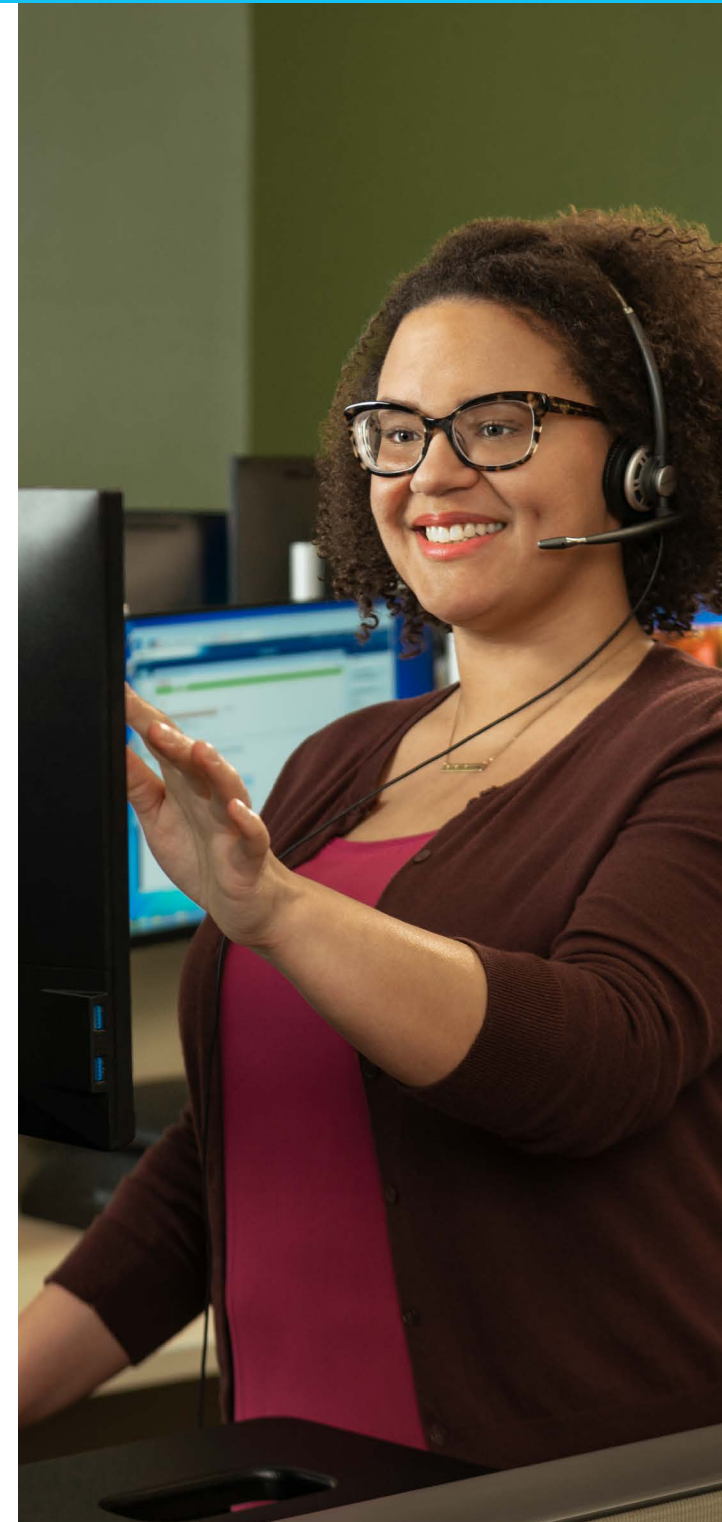
#### DIVERSITY GOAL:

Our People at Avista will be representative of the communities we serve.

#### ASPIRATION:

By 2035, we aim to:

- Increase diversity in craft employees (10% female and 13% racially diverse)
- Increase non-craft and leader diversity (50% female and 11% racially diverse)





## WOMEN IN STEM CAREERS

For the past two years, Avista has been a foundational sponsor of Gonzaga University's School of Engineering and Applied Science Summer Immersion Program (SSIP). This new program introduces high school women in our region with an interest in math and science to STEM career opportunities, including engineering and computer science. While working through various hands-on projects, SSIP students engage with successful local women engineers and computer scientists and visit several Spokane engineering workplaces and projects. Avista's President and Chief Operating Officer, Heather Rosentrater, a Gonzaga University Electrical Engineering Graduate, and other Avista women engineers participate in the program and share their personal and career journeys with SSIP students. The program hopes to inspire more women to enter these STEM-related fields of study, which have historically been heavily occupied by men. Visit [Gonzaga University's SSIP Program](#) to learn more.

## GOING FORWARD

Avista's workplace culture is starting from a position of strength as we continue to challenge and grow our commitments to equity, inclusion and diversity. Ensuring our employees feel that they belong here is central to our abilities to execute on our strategies across the Company. While we continue to make tremendous progress and have many points of pride, we also recognize the need for improvement and have established some ambitious aspirational goals, strategies and actions that will guide us forward.

Like other strategic plans and aspirational goals at Avista, progress around equity, inclusion and diversity efforts will take time. It will also require our collective commitment, dedication and actions for us to move forward in this critical work. Ultimately, we all benefit when ensuring a culture of belonging. Having various voices and perspectives help generate better ideas to solve the complex problems of a changing and increasingly diverse world. An engaged workforce benefits all our stakeholders.

As we journey forward, we will provide updates, progress and results of our work towards these important aspirational goals.





**3** Valuing the contribution of our employees by focusing on creating and maintaining an environment to attract, develop, motivate, retain and reward talented employees.

### OUR VALUES

Essential to our ability to deliver clean, reliable and affordable energy over the past 130 years are the talented and dedicated employees of Avista. Together, we have been woven into the fabric of the everyday lives of our customers and communities who rely on and trust us to meet their energy needs.

Avista employees work cooperatively, decisively, and strategically, guided by a simple principle: we do what is right. Our success lies in hiring talented people and setting them free to pursue great ideas—ideas that engage the imagination, stretch us all, explore what is possible, and prepare us for the future in support of our values:

**TRUSTWORTHY:**

Our word is reliable; we do what is right.

**COLLABORATIVE:**

We are respectful and at our best when working together to achieve results.

**INNOVATIVE:**

We continuously improve and find better ways to get things done.

### COMPENSATION STRUCTURE

Avista believes it is important to provide an equitable compensation structure that is competitive within the industries and regions in which we compete for talent. We target compensation levels at the market median; pay components for an individual may be higher or lower depending on an individual's role, responsibilities, experiences and performance within the Company.

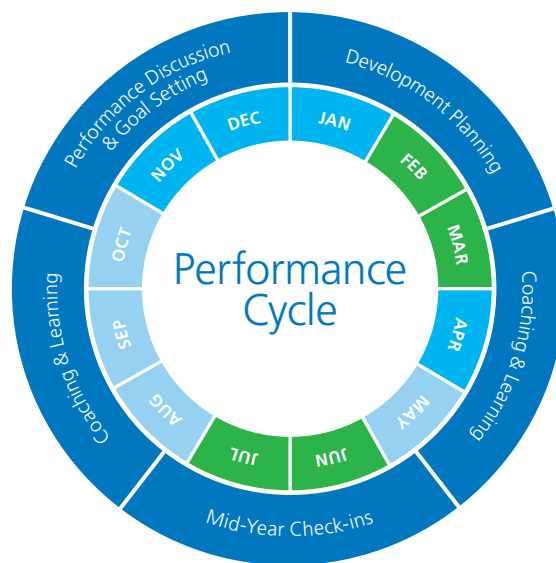
Managers review base pay for non-bargaining employees annually through a merit process following the conclusion of a performance management process. We believe in, and practice, effective performance management through ongoing, meaningful conversations between leaders and employees around performance, goal setting and development planning. Included in this process are specific tools and training resources

for employees to maximize their preparation and development planning opportunities. Avista believes this target positioning and active performance management practices are effective tools to attract, retain, motivate and reward our employees for their contributions.

The Avista Employee Incentive Plan is similarly designed to help motivate and focus employees on our customer service, reliability, and operational cost goals that benefit our customers and communities. Our incentive plan seeks to tie employee efforts to our organizational goals that are mutually beneficial for all stakeholders. The incentive plan is also an essential element of our overall compensation and in the Company's alignment of a competitive compensation structure with comparable companies within the utility industry.

As our employees continue to find new and innovative ways to excel, we have kept pace as a Company to reward their ingenuity. In addition to our compensation structure, performance management and incentive plan, we have several other recognition channels and awards that serve to honor performance and accomplishments of our people, particularly when it comes to innovation, safety and customer service. Some of our additional recognition programs include:

- A "Pacesetter" Cash Reward Program
- Medallions and other recognition methods for acknowledging safety, customer service and cross-Company collaboration efforts
- President's Leadership Awards for outstanding excellence in customer experience, innovation and safety



This ecosystem of recognition provides multiple venues for employees to nominate others for consideration as well as giving leaders options for reinforcing behaviors that contribute to our success.

## EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

In addition to our compensation structure, performance management and incentive plan, Avista believes our employment benefits are also a key strategy in our ability to attract and retain the talent we need to succeed. Avista's benefits package includes:

- Medical, dental, vision, life, and disability coverage
- Retirement benefits including a pension plan and/or 401k
- Time-off programs, including military absences
- Tuition benefits, continuing education, and training
- Well-being Program including incentives
- Adoption support
- Free telemedicine program
- Flexible work arrangements
- Ergonomic workstations
- Employee Assistance Program

## CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMENT (CISM) PROGRAM

Due to the nature of utility work, our employees are regularly out in the field performing their work and engaging with our customers and other members of our shared communities. As such, our employees are highly visible, accessible and mobile, and are often called upon by the public for assistance in the event of an accident or a dangerous situation.

While first aid and emergency response training and protocols are designed to help in the moment, we recognized the need for additional support if employees encountered traumatic or stressful events during their work. We sought to complement our existing Employee Assistance Program, available to aid in numerous well-being, mental health and family concerns, to provide a rapid and hands-on way to engage with employees to help reduce and respond to trauma and stress.

In response, we adopted a Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) program.

CISM is a peer led, structured process, aimed to help individuals share their experiences and emotions, learn about stress reaction and symptoms, receive coping tools, and be given referral for additional professional help if needed.

Avista's trained peer support members proactively reach out to impacted employees following a critical or traumatic incident to engage and offer support. Depending on the level of need, we may also refer the employee to our licensed Mental Health Professional who provides clinical oversight to our CISM program.

Since its founding in 2021, our CISM program has engaged with over 200 employees and testimonials from peer support members and impacted employees have been extremely positive.

Additional information concerning Avista's CISM program is available in the [Western Energy Institute's Summer 2022 Publication](#).



## DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Continuous learning plays a large part in fostering collaboration and innovation among our employees and is pervasive throughout Avista. Our development opportunities are created to prepare our employees at all levels to ensure they have the skills, knowledge and experience to perform today and well into the future. Keeping our workforce equipped to succeed is imperative to meet the emerging challenges that lay ahead. We develop training that is relevant, necessary and in demand for our organization. Training may be delivered through instructor-led courses, self-service topics, computer-based learning modules, and field based, hands-on workshop models that cover the range of our operations.

Avista helps employees understand how they can drive and maximize their development for current roles and to prepare for future opportunities through a robust development planning toolset and a menu of continuous learning and development suggestions. Employees have access to a variety of learning opportunities as part of our overall professional and leadership development programs. Examples of topics include leadership, business process improvement, presentation skills, project management, industry standards, coaching skills, emotional intelligence and natural instincts, and leading change.

In addition to our internally led courses, we also provide opportunities for our people to attend industry events and certification programs, courses or programs offered through energy related organizations such as the Western Energy Institute, the American Gas Association and the Edison Electric Institute, as well as to our local colleges and universities such as the University of Idaho, Willamette University, Gonzaga University and others.

Our Aspiring Leader Program entered its 20th session and continues to provide an immersive development opportunity for those employees preparing for future leadership roles. This one-year program provides selected employees exposure to a variety of departments, training, leadership concepts and mentoring. The program includes a team project designed to provide experiential leadership learning. Graduates of Avista’s Aspiring Leader Program are found throughout all levels of leadership in the organization, including several of our Company Officers and senior leaders.



AVISTA TRAINING PROGRAM METRICS	2022			
Select Computer-Based and Instructor-Led Trainings	Completed Minutes	Completed Hours	Minutes per Employee	Hours per Employees
Company Policy Trainings	211,277	3,521	120	2.0
Safety & Well-Being Trainings	110,947	1,849	63	1.0
Job Specific Trainings	1,529,720	25,495	866	14.4
Leader Specific Trainings	91,120	1,519	467	7.8

## CRAFT DEVELOPMENT

Craft employees are an essential part of our workforce and our ability to deliver energy safely, responsibly, and affordably. We value and support our workforce’s rights to associate freely and bargain collectively and strive to work collaboratively with our union representation.

Avista has a long-standing history of supporting and working collaboratively with our local unions, represented by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 659 (Oregon) and Local 77 (Washington/Idaho/Montana). The Company participates in regular Labor-Management Committee meetings with each of the local unions to proactively address potential concerns as well as to work together to improve the safety, well-being, and development of our craft employees. Currently, 36% of our Avista employees are covered by collective bargaining agreements.

For our craft employees, Avista has a dedicated training department to provide training required by regulatory agencies in our electric and natural gas operations and other Company specific training. Our craft training programs are administered to ensure that our employees can safely perform their duties in compliance with construction, operation and maintenance requirements.

As part of our commitment to our craft workforce development, we currently provide 11 active apprenticeship programs. These apprenticeship programs, which typically take 2–4 years to complete, provide participants with classroom, workshop and on the job training to gain the background and experience required to advance within their fields while maintaining their

employment with Avista. These apprenticeship programs represent a wide range of focus areas across our operations, ranging from electrical mechanics and lineman to hydroelectric operators and communication technicians.

CRAFT TRAINING PROGRAM METRICS	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
<b>Apprentices—All Crafts:</b>					
Total number of apprentices trained	73	74	80	69	70
Number of active programs	11	11	11	11	11
Hours of training on the job	151,840	153,920	132,838	140,033	145,600
Hours of classroom training	10,820	10,967	9,235	9,735	10,640
<b>Journeyman Training:</b>					
Electric/Generation - hours	9,497	8,764	3,192	6,757	10,549
Gas refresher - hours	3,260	3,380	2,882	2,228	3,245

### CRAFT STUDENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Launched in the Fall of 2022, our Craft Student Development Program engages with high school seniors to work part-time earning high school credit, work experience and industry credentials all at the same time. Students learn theory, become familiar with equipment and understand what working as a safe and effective team member means. As part of this development program, students are tasked with earning their grades by building competency and completing training related to our operations.

We view this as another way to raise awareness to the rewarding opportunities available within the utility industry. We also see this development program as a means for students to explore these careers, especially in our rural communities. Our goal is for these students to connect with the work and, upon graduation begin pursuing a position or apprenticeship in one of our many craft areas.

## STUDENT ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Avista's Student Engineering Development Program (SEDP) provides opportunities for engineering students to develop their skills, gain insights into the energy industry, acquire valuable working experience, and explore future professional opportunities. These engineering students spend several months working with Avista where they participate in meaningful projects and prepare for the next steps in their careers.

All students in the SEDP are paired with Avista engineering mentors, where we strive to match Avista female engineers with female students. This program is mutually beneficial for Avista and these engineering students. Students are exposed to our culture, professional engineering work, and utility operations and they bring their fresh ideas and insights into the latest technology and principles being taught in our colleges and universities.

This program supports Avista's diverse recruiting strategy by intentionally providing opportunities for diverse and female engineering students. With significant participation rates of diverse and female students over the years, our SEDP has strengthened the diverse and talented pipeline to our internal Engineering Development Program.



# 4 We act with integrity while conducting our operations in compliance with the laws, rules, and regulations that govern our business.

## AVISTA CODE OF CONDUCT

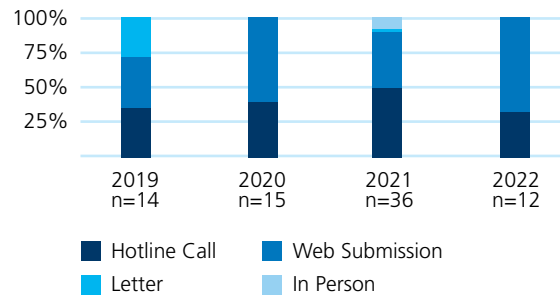
Avista is committed to conducting its business with the highest level of integrity by doing what is right for our customers and our communities because we know they rely on us. This philosophy is reflected in our culture and embraced by our employees. Avista's Ethics and Compliance Program (Program) sets expectations for employees which are reinforced through a blend of training and outreach activities designed to engage employees and enhance understanding. The Program promotes an ethical corporate culture and provides the framework to enable business areas to achieve compliance while pursuing Company initiatives.

Avista's [Code of Conduct](#) provides the foundation for our business decisions and guides our actions on and off the job. All employees and our Board of Directors are required to complete annual training on the Code. Corporate policies address risk related topics such as fraud, anti-corruption, anti-trust, insider trading, and data privacy. The Program ensures employees are held accountable for their actions by using investigative protocols.

## SPEAKING UP AND REPORTING

Avista actively promotes a speak-up culture by encouraging employees and others to ask questions, voice concerns, and report potential violations of ethics, Company policies, laws, or regulatory requirements. Retaliation against anyone who reports a concern is strictly prohibited. Avista provides several channels for raising concerns. A 24/7 confidential hotline is available that allows anonymous reporting. An Investigation Process Guide drives consistency and transparency to our formal investigations. Hotline reporting metrics are made available to our employees and our Board of Directors.

HOTLINE INQUIRIES BY REPORTING CHANNEL



HOTLINE INQUIRIES BY REPORTING CHANNEL	2019 N=14	2020 N=15	2021 N=36	2022 N=12
Hotline Call	36%	40%	50%	33%
Web Submission	36%	60%	39%	67%
Letter	29%	0%	3%	0%
In Person	0%	0%	8%	0%

N=Number of Inquiries

## CORPORATE ETHICS AND COMPLIANCE

Avista's Senior Vice President, General Counsel, Corporate Secretary, and Chief Ethics/Compliance Officer oversees Avista's Ethics and Compliance Program. Our ethics and compliance managers partner with Internal Audit, Human Resources, Legal, and Enterprise Risk Management to facilitate the coordination of ethical and compliance related activities across the organization.

Avista conducts internal audits and self-assessments to evaluate Program effectiveness and employee adherence to our Code, policies and procedures. As part of this process, we actively monitor data sources such as training results, discipline, hotline, culture surveys, and investigations. Avista also benchmarks its ethics and compliance activities against other industry and non-industry entities to gain a broader perspective on best practices.





Dedicated support from Avista’s leadership and our Board of Directors helps drive the success of our Ethics and Compliance Program. Our commitment to ethics and compliance is reflected in the Company’s recent recognition as a four-time recipient of the “[World’s Most Ethical Companies](#)” by the Ethisphere Institute, a global leader in defining and advancing the standards of ethical business practices, corporate character, integrity, transparency and corporate trust.

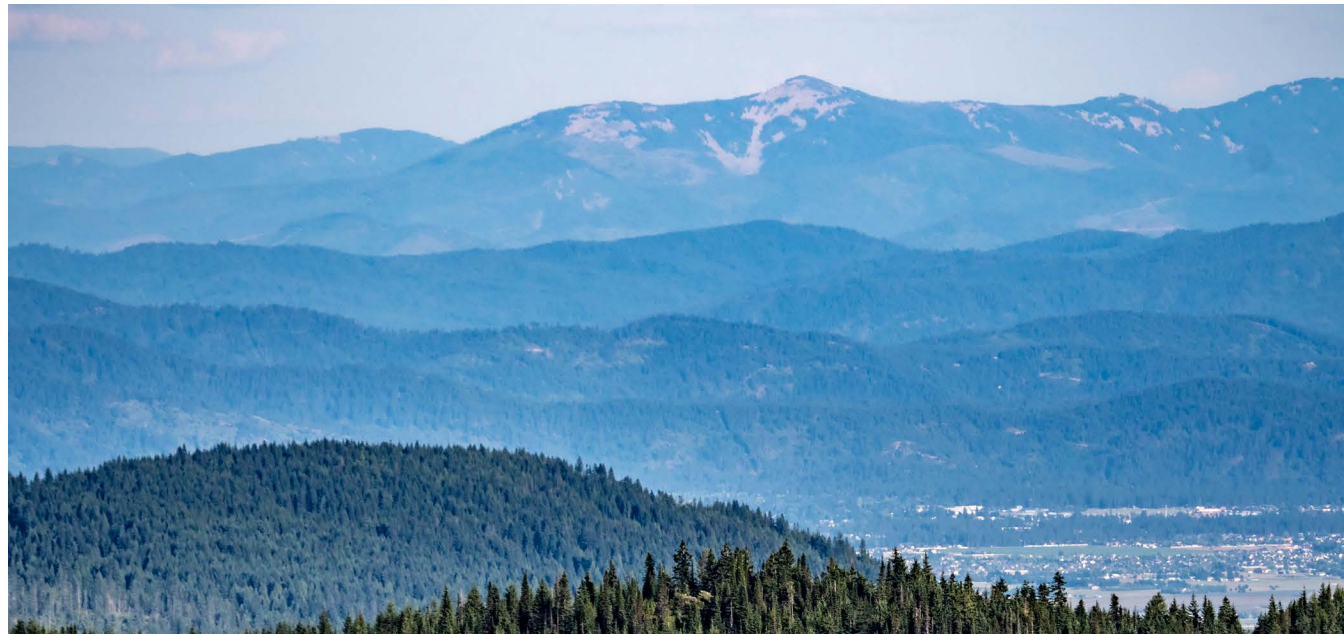
**HOTLINE CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Avista Hotline:  
1-877-861-6690

Website:  
[www.avistacorp.alertline.com](http://www.avistacorp.alertline.com)

**OUR COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS**

Avista is committed to conducting business ethically, honestly and with mutual respect for the rights of all people. Our commitment to preserve and respect the rights of all people are inclusive of those human rights principles articulated in the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. [Click here to learn more about Our Commitments to Human Rights.](#)



# 5

**Holding our contractors to the same ethical and compliance standards to which we hold ourselves.**

## CONTRACTOR EXPECTATIONS

Providing clean, safe, and reliable electricity to 410,000 customers and natural gas to 377,000 customers across 30,000 square miles and four northwestern states is a big job. When we need extra help to get the job done, that is where our contracted employees, suppliers and other business partners come into play.

Whether delivering goods or performing services on behalf of Avista, we expect all our third parties to uphold the highest standards of conduct and behave in the same ethical and compliant manner as our own employees. As such, they are subject to the same obligations and responsibilities outlined in Avista’s [Code of Conduct](#) (Code).

In addition to adhering to Avista’s Code, our contractors may be subject to specific regulatory compliance requirements, including mandatory trainings, background checks, drug and alcohol testing and safety related measures and performance.

## CONTRACTOR CODE OF CONDUCT

Avista continues to advance the design and impact of its supply chain. Due diligence is performed to assess a potential supplier’s ability to meet Avista policy and contractual requirements in addition to their ability to provide the requested goods or services. With a focus on Corporate integrity, responsible sourcing and the safety and well-being of workers across the supply chain, Avista has implemented its [Contractor Code of Conduct](#), which sets forth contractual provisions covering such topics as worker health and safety, labor and human rights, compliance and ethical conduct, conflicts of interest, environmental practices, and speak-up and reporting requirements, among others.

## SUPPLY CHAIN ENGAGEMENT

While we pay attention to all our vendors, special focus is placed on Avista’s Tier 1 Vendors—those vendors with an annualized spend in excess of \$2M, or those who may be of strategic importance to our operations, or those that may be difficult or costly to replace. Our Tier 1 Vendors must provide a copy of their own organization’s code of conduct or business ethics policy for Avista’s review. In addition, through our Supplier Relationship Management program, we work with our Tier 1 Vendors to formally integrate our values into the supply chain.

For these Tier 1 vendors, we monitor their commitments to our values and evaluate their performance in addition to their business results. This is accomplished by using a supplier scorecard that includes an analysis of activities such as safety, quality and service, schedule performance, risk mitigation, innovation, sustainability, environmental practices and diversity spend programs, among others.

Consistent with our supplier scorecard process, we request and review the formal corporate sustainability programs of our Tier 1 Vendors as well to ensure alignment of ESG-related goals and stakeholder involvement among our business partners. Not only is the presence of a corporate sustainability program a requirement, but the development of actionable ESG-related goals, strategies, and reliable methods and metrics to disclose progress and results are documented, monitored and evaluated by Avista during the supplier scorecard process.

Our business partners are a valuable and integral part of our operations. Their alignment with our vision, values and Corporate Responsibility further enables us to deliver our commitments to our customers and the communities we serve. [Click here to learn more about how to do business with Avista.](#)



OUR COMMITMENT TO  
**OUR CUSTOMERS  
AND COMMUNITIES**



## OUR COMMITMENT TO OUR CUSTOMERS AND COMMUNITIES

**We are invested in our customers and the communities we serve. We recognize that bringing energy to life extends beyond providing electricity and natural gas for our customers. As employees and as a Company, we are an active partner and advocate that brings energy to strengthening the customers and communities in which we live, work, serve and play. Our efforts and commitments include:**

1. Providing safe, reliable service that is there when needed, and that is affordable for our customers and for our region.
2. Bringing value to our customers through services, programs and methods for using energy efficiently, and that otherwise help to enrich customers' lives.
3. Building value for our customers and communities through active involvement in organizations, causes and engagement with local stakeholders to grow jobs and improve the quality of life in our region.
4. Providing meaningful philanthropic support to our communities without impacting customer rates, recognizing that these efforts help to strengthen our communities, broaden the reach of local organizations, and improve our local economies.
5. Holding our customers' and communities' interests at the forefront of our decisions, operating our business with transparency, genuine care, and ease of conducting business—our stakeholders can rely on us.



# 1 Providing safe, reliable service that is there when needed, and that is affordable for our customers and for our region.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

Our commitment to safety encompasses our customers and communities throughout our service territories. The infrastructure of Avista's energy systems is wide-ranging, complex and embedded within our communities, from hydroelectric dams to natural gas pipelines and electric power transmission and distribution lines. The design, construction, operation and maintenance of these energy systems is conducted in a manner to continuously improve the safety of our systems to ensure that we meet our customer's energy needs safely and reliably. At the end of the day, we want everyone who lives or works near our electric and natural gas systems to be safe.

Throughout our service territories, buried electric and natural gas lines may be located adjacent to and within our customers' properties. In order to prevent and minimize the risk of public injury caused by accidentally digging into one of these underground services, Avista's Public Safety Program provides ongoing training, outreach and resources to our customers and local community members. Through our awareness campaigns and informational resources, we highlight the national 811 call-before-you-dig phone number to use before starting any digging projects. With proper locates of underground services through the 811

PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAM: NUMBER OF DIG-INS	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Number of Underground Service Locates Performed	116,927	116,323	120,518	133,736	112,643
Dig-Ins to Avista Underground Natural Gas Lines	548	517	531	619	533
Dig-In Rate per 1,000 Locales	4.69	4.44	4.41	4.63	4.73

program, customers may greatly reduce accidental dig-ins and potential risk of injury.

Located along two of our region's larger rivers, Avista's eight hydroelectric dams provide the bulk of our clean renewable energy for our customers. These facilities also support numerous recreational areas for boating, swimming, waterskiing and fishing opportunities. To ensure the public's safety and continued access to these natural resources, the Company's Hydro Dam Safety Program provides physical safety and awareness measures in and around our dams. This program includes training and emergency response coordination among our local, state and federal agencies. We also provide ongoing general public safety training and outreach through our Hydro Public Safety Program. This program targets our local community members through organized events, focused advertising, school presentations and distribution of water and boating safety resources. In addition, we partner with local agencies to provide focused classes on such topics as cold-water safety.

In addition to **Avista's Public Safety** programs and materials, we actively perform system inspections of our electric and natural gas infrastructure, administer natural gas pipeline integrity management programs, protect the public from dangerous equipment and locations

through physical security measures and implement asset maintenance and replacement programs. One such replacement program is our ambitious 20-year natural gas pipeline replacement program. This replacement program has reached its half-way point and is the result of our commitment to maintaining a safe and reliable natural gas system by replacing approximately 750 miles of natural gas pipeline which was installed prior to 1987.

Put simply, we are committed to keeping people, property and our communities safe.

### AVISTA'S PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAMS AND MATERIALS

- Dial 811 Before You Dig
- Avista's COVID-19 Response
- Safety Around Dams
- Tree Trimming
- Wildfire Resiliency Plan
- Natural Gas Safety
- Electric Safety
- Beware of Scams
- Emergency Responders
- Public Officials
- Safety Videos
- Kid's Center



## WILDFIRE RESILIENCY PLAN

Our proactive approach to Public Safety continues to align with industry objectives and respond to the changing environment as demonstrated through our **Wildfire Resiliency Plan**. Western utilities and communities are facing increased frequency and size of wildfires due to the effects of climate change. And at the same time, we are witnessing residential developments expand into forested areas and other high fire-risk locations. Avista’s Wildfire Resiliency Plan seeks to mitigate the probability of wildfires and their related impacts on our customers and communities through the expansion of our current safeguards for preventing, mitigating, and reducing the impact of wildfires. This 10-year Wildfire Resiliency Plan emphasizes grid hardening, vegetation management, situational awareness, partnerships with emergency providers and fire agencies, and providing helpful resources and information to protect property and prevent wildfires.

### WILDFIRE RESILIENCY PLAN ELEMENTS



**Grid Hardening**—Replace and/or strengthen electric transmission and distribution infrastructure in high fire threat districts to protect infrastructure from possible damage and to reduce the likelihood of spark-ignition sources. Current efforts include:

- New transmission lines constructed with steel poles—more resistant to fire and severe weather such as high winds as well as damage caused by humans and animals.

- Accelerate replacement of wooden transmission poles with steel poles across our system, with a focus on high fire threat areas.
- Install fire-retardant wire mesh around the bottom of wooden transmission poles—protects against ground fires in low vegetation areas.
- In high-risk fire areas, replace wooden crossarms with fiberglass crossarms, replace small copper wire, install animal guards, and bail type connectors.
- Replace wood distribution poles with metal poles at critical points such as corners or road/rail/river crossings.
- Enhance transmission line inspections, including with aerial surveys, by considering additional risk factors such as nearby wood debris, adjacent logging and construction activities, and other possible hazards.



**Vegetation Management**—Elevate our management of fire-prone areas, especially near densely population locations, to further reduce the possibility of contact between vegetation and power lines. Current efforts include:

- Complete annual inspection of our system to identify dead, dying and diseased trees within fall distance of overhead powerlines.
- Accelerate removal of dead and dying trees that may create risk to the power grid. On average, 2,600 risk trees are removed each year from Avista’s transmission system and 15,500 from our distribution system.

- Continue routine tree-trimming near power lines with added coordination from public and private landowners.
- Maintain regular field and ground inspections.
- Introduce aerial surveys using LIDAR (light detection and ranging) and satellite imaging to digitally identify tree/vegetation encroachments on powerlines and identify tree health risk areas.
- Increase the use of herbicides in fire-prone areas to prevent growth of problem vegetation near our facilities.



**Situational Awareness**—Improve operational decisions by increasing our ability to assess and react to potential fire risks. Current efforts include:

- Summer specific electric line operations to help prevent fire-ignition during outages—referred to as Fire Safety Mode, in use for the past 20 years.
- Leverage existing systems that monitor, communicate with, and remotely control the power grid to help us prevent and respond to wildfires.
- Develop a fire-weather monitoring system to enhance fire-risk assessment by combining elements of the National Weather Service forecasts and powerline metrics. This information is vital to adapting operations and coordinating with local fire protection agencies in times of extreme weather events that could cause a wildfire.

- Use our Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) map to prioritize areas where human population and development encroaches on forested areas and results in elevated fire risk.



**Operations and Emergency Response**

—Decrease the potential for wildfires by instigating operational changes when re-energizing power lines that trip offline in rural and or forested areas during high fire threat conditions. Current efforts include:

- Patrol outage areas during certain hot, dry and windy conditions to mitigate the risk of sparks before re-energizing a line. This requires more time to restore service, especially if there has been a fire, as fire officials may restrict access within a fire zone.
- Incorporate advanced training and event simulations to better prepare Avista personnel to work with fire professionals during a wildfire event.
- Regularly engage with other regional utilities, state and federal agencies, fire professionals, and our utility commissions to leverage and exchange best practices.
- Coordinate closely with fire protection agencies in planning for and in response to fire events.



**Worker and Public Safety**—Increase overall safety by creating partnerships with emergency first responders and fire agencies to share wildfire responsibilities, knowledge, training, and best practices. Current efforts include:

- Provide Avista’s electric line workers, who are already trained as emergency responders, with basic fire training taught by fire agency professionals. Embed Avista field personnel into the Fire Service Incident Command System (ICS) to act as a liaison between Avista and the ICS fire commander in the event of a fire.
- Avista’s “Expedited Response” program with Spokane County Fire Districts in which Avista will call 911 whenever an isolated transmission fault occurs during fire season—fire fighters can investigate and extinguish a possible fire before it can spread.
- Participate in fuel reduction and public awareness campaigns like Washington State’s “Fire Ready Neighbor” program.
- Conduct “Customer Safe Tree” program to help property owners remove trees that might pose a risk of spark-ignition.



## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Avista operates in a part of the country where severe weather or natural disasters, including avalanches, windstorms, wildfires, earthquakes, extreme temperature events, snow and ice storms may occur. In addition to these natural threats to normal business operations, Avista must also consider possible man-made threats such as sabotage, terrorism, cyberattacks or other malicious acts that could disrupt or cause damage to our utility assets. To ensure our continued utility operations, we have implemented numerous emergency preparedness solutions. They are designed to safeguard life, property and to provide for the restoration of electric and natural gas services and the continuation of business functions critical to the support of our operations.

## EMERGENCY OPERATING PLAN (EOP)

Critical departments that provide essential services as part of our operations have developed Emergency Operating Plans (EOP). These plans are designed to enable us to successfully respond to an emergency or severe service disruption, resuming operations in a timely and orderly fashion. Emergency response activities are focused on responding to the initial event and subsequent impacts to prevent further damage to life, property, and the environment, and to stabilize the situation by activating recovery and back-up process and procedures.

## EMERGENCY ACTION PLANS (EAPs)

While the probability of structural emergency at one of our hydroelectric facilities is remote, we have developed Emergency Action Plans (EAPs) to help ensure public safety under the terms of

our operating licenses. These EAPs are designed to minimize potential dangers to people and property downstream of our hydroelectric dams. Based on computer simulations, the EAPs provide guidelines for notification and early warning systems in the event of an actual or potential structural emergency at one of our dams. Our EAPs are evaluated annually, inspected by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and regularly exercised with local first responders and other local community members.

## ENTERPRISE BUSINESS CONTINUITY PROGRAM (EBCP)

Avista has developed an Enterprise Business Continuity Program (EBCP) to facilitate emergency response, business continuity, and disaster recovery activities simultaneously across multiple departments in response to any scope of disruption to normal business operations. The purpose of the EBCP is to provide an all-hazards framework for crisis communications, emergency response, business continuity, and disaster recovery activities in response to a man-made or natural event, and, when necessary, specific communications and operational procedures for implementing certain emergency response activities. It serves as the governing structure for the coordination of Avista's EOPs during an emergency response situation, using the Incident Command Structure for enhanced coordination, planning and response execution. Business continuity and disaster recovery activities occur concurrently with the emergency response activities of the EOPs and are focused on sustaining Avista's essential business processes. Our EBCP ensures that emergency response activities occur in a coordinated and timely fashion, maximizing resources and reducing further disruption to normal business operations.

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS IN ACTION

As part of Avista’s emergency preparedness program, we actively participate in internal and external exercise activities to further develop our capabilities to respond to unplanned events. Recently, Avista conducted a corporate-wide wildfire exercise and seminar. Through this effort, we brought together a cross-sector of Avista response teams, public sector partners and emergency management agencies to provide them with an opportunity to conduct a coordinated response following a simulated significant wind event and associated extreme wildfire risks across our service areas. This exercise demonstrated Avista’s commitment to safety and reliability for our customers and our communities in the wake of increasing wildfire threats.

Avista also participates in the North American Electric Reliability Corporation’s (NERC) Electricity Information Sharing and Analysis Center (E-ISAC) biennial exercise, **Grid Ex**. This exercise is the largest grid security exercise in North America and provides Avista with an opportunity to practice how we would respond to and recovery from coordinated cyber and physical security threats and incidents. Exercises like this continue to improve Avista’s readiness and resiliency in the face of emerging threats, ensuring that we are prepared to maintain the safety and reliability of our energy services.

## RELIABLE SERVICE

Our diverse energy mix is the foundation for providing our customers with clean, reliable power at fair and affordable prices. Avista’s electrical generation portfolio, including hydroelectric, biomass, natural gas, coal, wind and solar allows us to keep electricity rates as low as possible by providing flexibility to shift between generating resources when it makes economic sense while still maintaining the reliability of the electrical system.

In addition to our customers’ direct use of natural gas, which is often more energy efficient and cleaner burning compared to other energy choices such as wood or heating oil, natural gas is also used to generate electricity. This use of natural gas for electrical power generation is often relied upon as a flexible resource that supports the integration of renewable generation such as wind and solar. When the wind dies down and the sun does not shine as bright, our natural gas generation can immediately ramp up to balance this unanticipated dip in renewable generation. We are committed to our natural gas operations and generation and are excited to continue and share the value and benefits that natural gas provides to our customers and communities both today and into the future.

To help ensure reliability, we continue investing capital to operate and maintain our current electric and natural gas utility infrastructure. This solid foundation enables Avista to plan and build for the future, a future that is increasingly being influenced by emerging technologies and climate change implications. Prudent and essential capital investments in our existing hydroelectric plants, integrating additional renewable energy projects, upgrading and modernizing our transmission and distribution systems, replacing aging natural

gas equipment and pipelines and providing our customers with more energy related products and services are all part of the complex challenges that we face to ensure the continued delivery of safe and reliable energy services to our customers.

RELIABILITY METRICS	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
SAIDI Outage Time/Customer (minutes)	126	137	132	164	146
SAIFI Sustained Outages/Customer	0.81	0.94	0.89	1.24	0.92
CAIDI Average Restoration Time (minutes)	155	145	148	133	158

## WESTERN ENERGY IMBALANCE MARKET

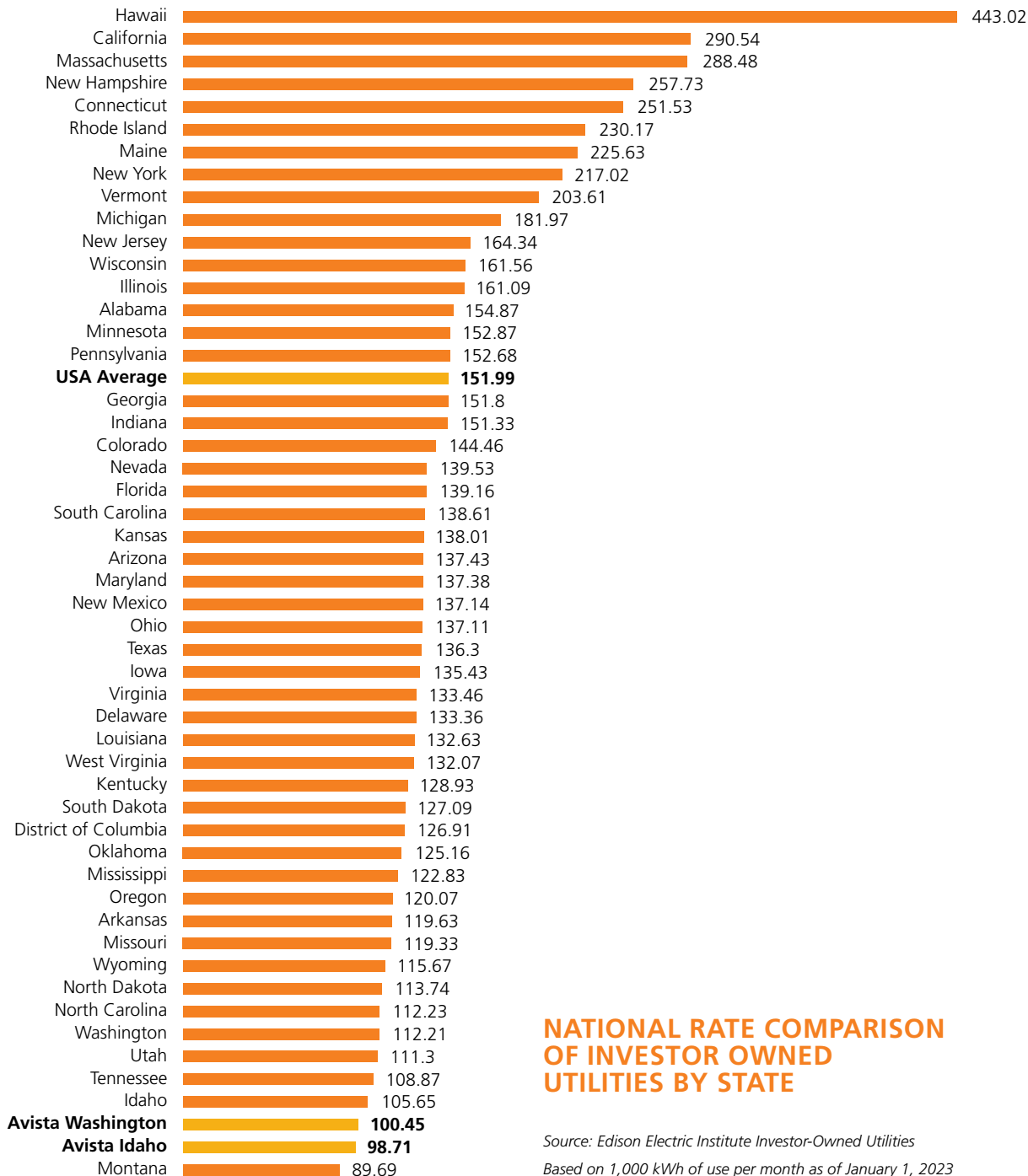
In March of 2022, Avista began operating within the Western Energy Imbalance Market (EIM) operated by the California Independent System Operator. Most investor-owned utilities in the Pacific Northwest are either participants in the Western EIM or plan to integrate into the market in the near future. The Western EIM is a real-time energy balancing market that automatically uses the lowest-cost electric resources available over a large geographic area to meet utility customer needs while optimizing the use of renewable energy. By rebalancing supply and demand across a larger, more diverse footprint, and in a more economic manner, the Western EIM participants can share generation resources, which drives customers’ costs lower and allows for the efficient use of renewable resources while maintaining the reliability of the electrical grid. [Learn more about our participation in the Western EIM.](#)

## ENERGY AFFORDABILITY

Avista is overseen and regulated by public utility commissions in the states in which we operate. Unlike most companies, which can change their prices whenever they want, Avista must engage in a public and transparent rate setting process to explain why changes in rates are necessary. It is only after a thorough review, including potential revisions to our request, that we may change our prices following approval from the state public utility commissions. This rate case process is highly regulated, typically takes numerous months to complete, and affords interested parties, such as customers and consumer advocates, the opportunity to participate and provide feedback. [Learn more about how our prices are set by state public utility commissions.](#)

Across the nation, communities and utilities are dealing with a similar reality of rising energy costs. Delivering safe and reliable energy includes operating, maintaining and upgrading capital intensive infrastructure made up of pipes, poles, wires, meters, substations, dams and other generating stations. Many infrastructure components of our system are 30, 40 or 50 years old and need physical replacement, as well as upgrades to keep pace with emerging technologies and customer expectations. Avista will need to continue to invest hundreds of millions of dollars in our system every year to keep pace and to continue providing safe and reliable service for our customers.

We work hard every day to plan, build, operate and maintain our energy systems with an eye towards the future and seeking innovative ways to be more efficient and meet customer expectations.



### NATIONAL RATE COMPARISON OF INVESTOR OWNED UTILITIES BY STATE

Source: Edison Electric Institute Investor-Owned Utilities  
Based on 1,000 kWh of use per month as of January 1, 2023



This challenging work continues to pay dividends in terms of keeping our energy prices affordable. Our customers pay some of the lowest energy prices in the nation. On average, the total monthly cost of Avista’s residential electric service is 34% lower than the national average for investor-owned utilities. Avista recognizes that strong financial performance is achieved in tandem with strong communities who can leverage our reliable and affordable energy for their own economic vitality.

## ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

We recognize that energy affordability is a significant issue for many of our customers. We care deeply about our customers and keep their energy cost burden at the forefront of our operating decisions. Within Avista’s service territories, there are many individuals and families living on fixed or limited incomes, including seniors and individuals with disabilities. These members of our communities may rely on assistance to maintain essential needs such as food on their tables, access to healthcare and utility services. To assist our customers, we focus on actions and programs in four primary areas:

- Advocacy for, and support of, energy assistance programs that provide direct financial assistance
- Low income and senior outreach programs
- Energy efficiency and conservation education
- Support of community programs that increase customers’ ability to meet the basic costs of living

In addition to account management measures such as comfort level billing, preferred due date, payment arrangements, auto-pay, online energy management tools and bill comparisons, Avista partners with community action agencies to provide bill assistance to income-qualified residential customers. Bill assistance is funded through a variety of energy assistance programs. To learn more about these programs and how Avista may be able to help, please call us at 800-227-9187 or [visit us online](#).

## BILL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

**Low-Income Rate Assistance Program (LIRAP):** State approved rate surcharge designated for bill payment assistance for our natural gas customers in Oregon.

**My Energy Discount:** WUTC approved personalized rate discount for residential customers based on household size and income requirements who reside in Washington.

**Low-Income Heating Assistance Program:** Federally funded program to help low-income households with home heating and cooling costs, emergency situations and weatherization services.

**Project Share:** Funded through donations from customers, employees and Avista to provide emergency energy assistance grants for customers experiencing energy emergencies or financial hardships.

## ENERGY ASSISTANCE OUTREACH

We actively engage with low-income, senior, and vulnerable customers through recurring energy efficiency and conservation education events throughout our service territories. These education events demonstrate energy savings opportunities, provide free samples, distribute energy usage guides, share information about utility payment options and our energy assistance programs, as well as provide other valuable community resources including safety and independent living resources

## ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS:

AMOUNT OF AID BY BILL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM <sup>1</sup>	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022
LIRAP grants made <sup>2</sup>	\$6,455,546	\$6,496,448	\$6,883,923	\$5,932,874	\$7,293,461
Project Share grants made	\$256,705	\$240,698	\$245,947	\$327,763	\$229,481
Avista contributions to Project Share	\$472,172	\$454,849	\$509,797	\$477,652	\$452,779
LIHEAP grants made <sup>3</sup>	\$4,655,439	\$4,627,719	\$8,319,404	\$8,981,598	\$10,877,576

<sup>1</sup> The energy assistance program year is October 1 through September 30.

<sup>2</sup> LIRAP is currently only available in Oregon. LIRAP was replaced by My Energy Discount in Washington effective October 2023.

<sup>3</sup> Avista is an active partner in advocating for and facilitating the distribution of federal Low Income Heating Assistance (LIHEAP) funds.

for seniors, employment and financial counseling services, and connections to local community food banks. Recognizing that many members of this target audience may be reliant on medical equipment or living with chronic health conditions, we also review power outage preparedness and encourage individuals to create a plan should an outage occur.

### ENERGY ASSISTANCE EDUCATION EVENTS

**Energy Assistance Day:** Hosted in partnership with local community action agency to provide opportunity for customers to apply and qualify for bill assistance as well as learn about community programs and energy saving practices.

**Conservation Workshops:** Held in convenient locations such as senior centers and community meal sites.

**Mobile Outreach:** Held in more remote locations across our service territory and coordinated with other mobile community agency outreach programs to offer additional resources.

**General Outreach:** Conducted at community events and through agency collaboration by training and equipping their staff with energy efficiency information and energy saving items to distribute to their clients.



### ENERGY ASSISTANCE ENGAGEMENT:

ENERGY ASSISTANCE OUTREACH	2018		2019		2020		2021		2022	
	NUMBER OF EVENTS	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	NUMBER OF EVENTS	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	NUMBER OF EVENTS	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	NUMBER OF EVENTS	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	NUMBER OF EVENTS	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS
Energy Fairs	5	3,722	5	3,977	—	—	—	—	1	924
Workshops	48	1,611	52	1,873	8	286	2	50	9	294
Mobile Outreach	85	7,553	77	5,024	5	680	11	2,145	17	2,498
General Outreach	45	3,940	56	3,407	92	9,546	86	4,059	60	4,266
Total Outreach Impact	183	16,826	190	14,281	105	10,512	99	6,254	87	7,982

## 2 Bringing value to our customers through services, programs and methods for using energy efficiently, and that otherwise help to enrich customers' lives.

### ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

Help the environment and save money at the same time? It may sound too good to be true, but it is not. When our customers choose to participate in energy efficiency programs with Avista, they help by consuming less energy and save on future utility bills.

For more than 40 years Avista has been offering Demand Side Management (DSM) or energy efficiency programs, creating shared value for all our customers classes. [Learn more](#) about our energy efficiency programs.

For our customers, DSM means managing their own energy use. For Avista, it also means implementing programs that help customers use less energy as well as ways Avista can generate energy, through better equipment and processes. It is how we plan, implement, measure and monitor energy efficiency as a way to ensure it's being used wisely.

At Avista, we make choices everyday about the best and most affordable source of energy to deliver to our customers. Energy efficiency gives us one more choice—and one that is lower cost.

This is why it is an important element of our [Integrated Resource Plan](#) as we look to the future.

Our approach to energy efficiency is based on two key principles: to pursue cost-effective electric and natural gas energy savings by offering financial incentives for qualifying energy saving measures, and to use the most effective means to deliver energy efficiency services to customers.

### SMALL BUSINESS PARTNER PROGRAM

Avista continues to offer a commercial demand-side-management (DSM) outreach effort designed to target our rural small business customers in Washington and Idaho. The goal is to raise awareness of our DSM programs and services that may assist these small businesses in managing and reducing their energy consumption to lower their energy-related costs. Customers are provided information on energy efficiency rebates, offered free bid assistance from qualified vendors through our Trade Ally Bid Program, and billing assistance information.

In 2022, we completed 52 projects that saved our customers over 520,000 kWh of electricity and over 3,200 therms of avoided natural gas usage. Our 2023 efforts, through June 1, have touched over 16,900 small businesses across 203 rural communities and have completed 38 projects that have saved our customers over 518,000 kWh of electricity and over 2,000 therms of natural gas usage.

### SMALL BUSINESS LIGHTING DIRECT INSTALL PROGRAM

Increasing energy efficiency through lighting upgrades is often one of the easiest ways for small businesses to bring down their operating costs.

In 2023, Avista introduced a new program for small business customers in Washington and Idaho that offers installation of low or no-cost energy saving lamps, fixtures, and lighting control upgrades. Customers are also provided a brief onsite energy audit to help identify additional potential areas of energy reduction and participation in other existing efficiency programs.

Avista delivers this program through partnership with local trade allies, who contact customers directly to conduct assessments and schedule lighting installations. Visit us online to [learn more](#).



**ENERGY SAVING ADVICE**

Visit us online to learn more about [energy saving advice](#).

**ELECTRICITY CONSERVATION IN KWH:**

YEAR	IDAHO	WASHINGTON	ANNUAL	10-YEAR CUMULATIVE
2013	18,341,000	49,663,000	68,004,000	68,004,000
2014	15,744,000	56,593,000	72,337,000	140,341,000
2015	17,141,000	56,343,000	73,484,000	213,825,000
2016	50,765,000	71,572,000	122,337,000	336,162,000
2017	42,373,000	64,666,000	107,039,000	443,201,000
2018	29,805,000	46,442,000	76,247,000	519,448,000
2019	25,231,000	41,741,000	66,972,000	586,420,000
2020	16,710,969	24,186,000	40,896,969	627,316,969
2021	16,772,000	39,044,000	55,816,000	683,132,969
2022	14,927,336	23,020,657	37,947,993	721,080,962

Cumulative reductions in electricity consumption over the past 10 years is more than the annual electricity usage of 65,000 of our customer homes.

**NATURAL GAS CONSERVATION IN THERMS:**

YEAR	IDAHO	WASHINGTON	OREGON	ANNUAL	10-YEAR CUMULATIVE
2013	19,000	581,000	217,177	817,177	817,177
2014	* 0	615,000	192,955	807,955	1,625,132
2015	* 0	920,000	210,738	1,130,738	2,755,870
2016	189,000	546,000	230,503	965,503	3,721,373
2017	306,000	1,046,000	347,324	1,699,324	5,420,697
2018	248,000	737,000	415,818	1,400,818	6,821,515
2019	217,000	504,000	391,204	1,112,204	7,933,719
2020	352,548	595,332	419,378	1,367,258	9,300,977
2021	452,881	792,955	408,163	1,653,999	10,954,976
2022	306,330	545,769	374,316	1,226,415	12,181,391

Cumulative reductions in natural gas consumption over the past 10 years is more than the annual natural gas usage of 16,000 of our customer homes.

\* Avista's Idaho natural gas DSM programs were suspended in 2013, 2014 and 2015 (2013 saw some activity due to prior commitments). Avista filed for and was approved to reinstate its Idaho Natural Gas DSM programs January 1, 2016.

## CUSTOMER GREEN OPTIONS



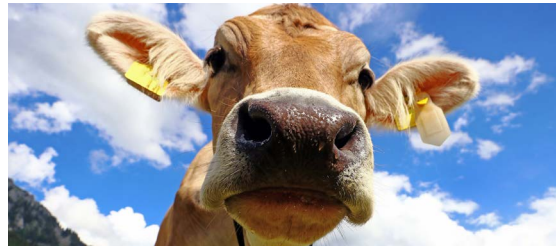
### MY CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM

Lower your carbon footprint by joining My Clean Energy

- It is affordable—green your electricity for as little as \$.01 per kWh
- It is for everyone—whether you rent or own
- No contracts required—start or cancel at anytime

#### WHAT IS MY CLEAN ENERGY?

An optional solution that offers all Avista electric customers an opportunity to participate directly in the benefits of renewable energy. Participants can green their energy with emission offsets that come from either regional or national clean energy projects. Each option provides you the opportunity to offset some or all the carbon associated with your electric usage depending on your level of participation. Your contributions go towards the purchase of Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) with a mix of wind, solar and other clean generation sources.



### RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS

Discover the newest option in clean energy. Renewable natural gas allows Washington and Oregon natural gas customers to:

- Continue to enjoy the reliability and comfort of natural gas
- Tap into a local carbon-neutral resource
- Help repurpose existing waste streams
- Subscribe for as little as \$5 per month
- Start or stop at any time, with no contract, while supplies last

#### WHAT IS RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS (RNG)?

RNG is made from organic waste produced by everyday activities. As organic matter, such as food or animal waste, breaks down, it releases methane. Capturing methane that otherwise escapes into the atmosphere, and using it to make renewable energy, makes RNG a carbon neutral energy resource that can be injected into the existing pipeline infrastructure to safely and reliably support the needs of our natural gas customers.



### GO SOLAR

Solar and other types of onsite renewable generation can add up to savings. But since it is based on your rooftop characteristics, your electricity use, and available tax credits and incentives, take time to assess what it means for you.

[Check out our online resources](#) to help guide you through the process to get answers to the most commonly asked questions.

### MORE CUSTOMER OPTIONS FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

- Generate your own renewable energy
- Purchase renewable energy
- Turning waste into clean energy
- Participate in community renewable options
- Compressed natural gas
- Electric Transportation



## SMART METERS

Advanced Metering Infrastructure, otherwise known as smart meters, continue to be a game changer for our customers in Washington. Smart meters open the door to two-way communication between Avista and our customers for operational efficiencies, improved customer usage information, and provides a platform for accommodating new and emerging technologies in the future.

Conventional meters do not have any communication capabilities, so we often rely on customers to report an outage to us. With smart meters, we can now detect the outage often before a customer even knows of the outage. These communication capabilities also allow us to be alerted to potential safety issues that may have gone undetected with conventional meters. In addition, smart meters can relay energy data directly to Avista, meaning no more on-site meter reads by Avista employees which reduces our meter reading costs.

Smart meters are the foundation for us to deliver services and tools empowering our customers to have greater control over their energy bills by providing detailed information about their energy

consumption. Customers may view their energy data across different intervals (monthly, daily, and hourly) and obtain trending and comparison data. This enhanced information will arm our customers with a better understanding of their energy use to make informed decisions regarding how best to manage their energy consumption and reduce their own bills. We are also leveraging data from smart meters to proactively communicate with customers regarding their energy usage. Customers may receive automatic alerts via email or text message regarding their energy usage when it exceeds their pre-determined threshold.

Smart meters are essential for new and emerging technologies associated with the smart grid and modernization of utility infrastructure. With a smart grid, digital technologies may be applied to every aspect of the industry, from generation to transmission, distribution and the customer interface. This will help the grid sense what is happening to the energy flow, keep it in balance, and improve reliability, making the grid more resilient in the face of outages and other problems. The smart grid of the future will also contribute to a more sustainable community. With this technology, we will be able to integrate more renewable generation onto our energy systems and reduce our region's carbon footprint. [Learn more](#) about our smart meter program.

WE HAVE DEPLOYED 422,238 SMART METERS (ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS) TO 270,763 CUSTOMER LOCATIONS IN WASHINGTON.

FROM THESE TOTALS, 99.13% OF CUSTOMERS RECEIVED SMART METERS, WHILE 0.87% OF OUR ELIGIBLE CUSTOMERS OPTED OUT.

## ALWAYS ON ENERGY SAVING TIPS

In order to provide additional value from our smart meters, Avista launched an energy efficiency pilot program in 2022 designed to help our customers save energy by identifying and providing best practices to better manage their Always On energy usage. Each appliance uses electricity in a unique manner, like an appliance fingerprint. Our smart meters can detect these “fingerprints” to determine the energy use of major appliances, enabling calculations to determine their Always On usage.

Always On is a measure of the base usage of electricity in your home and is comprised of appliances and electronic devices that are always plugged in and are consuming energy even when they are in the off, standby or sleep modes.

By unplugging devices, adjusting power settings, plugging devices into smart power strips, and looking for the Energy Star label on

new electronics, customers may save on their energy bill, reduce their carbon footprint and environmental impact by managing their Always On usage.

The 2022 pilot targeted an initial 50,000 customers and received positive participant feedback and results. For 2023, we are expanding this pilot program to approximately 100,000 customers through proactive communications and online tools. This pilot program aims to improve customer understanding of devices and appliances that contribute to their energy use as well as achieve measurable energy savings towards our energy conservation targets. This pilot program is a notable example of how we are utilizing AMI data to help customers take control of their monthly energy bill.

For more information regarding our Always On Energy Saving Tips and Pilot Program, [visit us online](#).

**You only think  
you shut it off.**

**See what it costs  
when it's *always on*.**





## ELECTRIC TRANSPORTATION

Whether moving people or goods, electric transportation powered by clean, affordable and renewable energy sources promises a better energy future for all. By mid-century, it is expected that a majority of transportation will be electrified. This will provide the Inland Northwest region and Avista customers with over \$1 billion annually in net transportation cost savings, greater than 80% emissions reductions, and beneficial load growth contributing to more affordable electricity rates.

Avista is committed to supporting electric transportation in a responsible way that provides benefits to all customers not just to those directly utilizing electric transportation, as detailed in our comprehensive [Transportation Electrification \(TE\) Plan](#). Building on what we learned from our initial EV pilot program carried out from 2016 through 2019, the TE Plan lays out a roadmap to achieve strategic objectives in a cost-effective manner, including the following programs and activities:

- Investments in public, workplace, fleet, and multi-family charging infrastructure
- Support for low-income communities and customers
- Education and outreach throughout our communities
- Commercial and public fleet electrification support including medium and heavy-duty applications
- Grid integration including time-of-use (TOU) rates and load management programs

These programs were successfully launched in 2021 and continue to gain momentum as markets and technologies evolve, and with strong policy support at the local, state and federal levels. As of mid-year 2023, over 625 residential and 541 commercial charging ports are in service through Avista's programs, as well as 16 DC fast charging ports, with high equipment reliability and customer satisfaction above 95%. A robust regional charging buildout is underway, with strong investments in historically underserved communities. Our partnerships with community-based organizations continue to grow as well, providing tailored electric transportation solutions that extend benefits to the communities served, in terms of cost reductions and new, clean transportation services.

The Company's developed capabilities and infrastructure network represents the early foundation to achieve an accelerated transition to electric transportation in the years ahead, already providing over \$5.0 million in regional transportation savings and 15,000 avoided tons of CO2 emissions annually. Avista is committed to providing cost-effective solutions for electric transportation, working together with our industry partners, community leaders, regulators and customers, and to serve as a model at both a regional and national levels for utilities to realize the shared benefits of electric transportation for the customers and communities they serve. Learn more about our [TE Plan and the benefits of electric transportation online](#).



## CLEAN ENERGY GRANT FUNDING

Avista's Transportation Electrification Plan received strong engagement and support by a number of local community leaders, public and private organizations and industry partners. These partnerships led to collaboration with the Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC), Urbanova, the Spokane Transit Authority (STA), the Spokane Tribe, Spokane International Airport, and the cities of Spokane, Spokane Valley, Cheney, Liberty Lake, and Airway Heights, culminating in a successful application led by the SRTC for grant funding from Washington State's Clean Energy Fund. The grant award totaling \$2.5 million was the largest of all grant recipients and will help boost funding for regional charging infrastructure buildout through 2025. The grant is matched by Avista funds for charging infrastructure, STA investments in battery-electric buses, and administrative support for the SRTC.

Other grant opportunities are being evaluated and pursued for clean transportation, including micro-mobility, major charging corridor sites, and local community charging sites.

In 2023, STA successfully launched its historic City Line, providing rapid all-electric mass transit services through the downtown core of Spokane. Avista will continue to partner and support STA in providing clean and affordable public transportation, electrifying as much as 25% of its bus fleet in 2024.



# 3 Building value for our customers and communities through active involvement in organizations, causes and engagement with local stakeholders to grow jobs and improve the quality of life in our region.

## UNIVERSITY DISTRICT

Our purpose goes beyond providing the energy that powers the lives of our customers. We are here to improve the quality of life and to enhance the strength, health and economic vitality of the communities we serve and call home. For over 130 years, Avista has been an integral part of the growth and success of our local communities.

One way we are strengthening the Spokane area is through the continued transformation of the [University District](#) and the positive impact these collective efforts have on our local and regional economies. The University District is home to five higher education campuses, two medical school programs, research facilities and more. The knowledge and innovation growing here is shaping the future of energy, driving economic development, and attracting students and businesses. We are proud to play a key role in the vibrant growth of the University District.

When Avista Chairman Scott Morris envisioned creating the five smartest blocks in the world, we provided an under-utilized piece of land, recruited the right partners and, through intentional growth and development, created space for innovation that will drive business and enhance the economic

vitality of our region. The result is the Catalyst building and the adjacent Scott Morris Center for Energy Innovation, which together anchor the South Landing of the University District.

The five-story, 150,000 square foot Catalyst building aims to be one of the largest zero-carbon, zero-energy buildings in North America, as certified by the International Living Future Institute. It is built to become an innovation hub where industry and academia intersect to foster innovation and collaboration within dry labs, offices, classrooms and common study areas. The four-story, 40,000 square foot Scott Morris building houses a shared-energy plant that will provide centralized heating, cooling and electricity for multiple buildings in the South Landing development. This innovative shared energy model, called an Eco-District, could transform how the electrical grid operates in the future. [Learn more about our innovative developments here.](#)

## REGIONAL EFFORTS

Avista's Regional Business Managers (RBMs) are actively involved with local government, businesses and civic organizations across the Northwest and focus on improving quality of life, economic growth strategies, sustainability efforts and other local infrastructure and construction projects. RBMs also facilitate the identification of philanthropy and sponsorships opportunities that support education, economic and cultural vitality of the communities that we serve.

We are a founding investor of [Inland Northwest Partners \(INP\)](#) a non-profit organization that is focused on enhancing the long-term vitality of

our service territory communities in Washington and Idaho. The INP facilitates knowledge sharing to build strong economic bases among member communities. Collectively, the INP represents a deep pool of economic development knowledge and experience. Educational meetings, programs and seminars are the core offering. These forums provide a means to share ideas and experiences and form new partnerships. Topics include technology, financing community initiatives, forging regional partnerships, local business expansion & retention, job recruitment and much more.

We are also active in our Oregon service territory through our involvement with the [Southern Oregon Regional Economic Development Inc. \(SOREDI\)](#), a non-profit organization dedicated to increasing the long-term prosperity of Jackson and Josephine Counties which are home to most of our Oregon communities. Through engagement, education and outreach, SOREDI aims to improve the region's quality of life by deploying economic growth strategies and sustainability efforts to help local businesses prosper.

The COVID-19 pandemic exposed numerous challenges to the economic vitality and equitable development of communities, including the importance of small businesses to local economies. This crisis has brought communities' strengths and needs into sharp focus and Avista's RBMs are helping local government and the hundreds of organizations and agencies whose work supports economic vitality—chambers of commerce, Main Street programs, local business alliances, business improvement districts, downtown development authorities, community development corporations, and more—organizations vital to our regional economy.

The pandemic also exposed the inequities of broadband connectivity and digital literacy which will play a key role in the future success of many of these communities and businesses. Avista is working closely with civic leaders, organizations, and state agencies to help address this digital divide to ensure that our local communities may prosper in the years ahead.

## EV RURAL ACCESS INITIATIVE IN EASTERN WASHINGTON

In 2022, our Regional Business Managers began working with local leaders to establish public EV charging stations in our more rural communities. Nineteen rural communities were selected based on their needs and locations to support the strategic buildout of charging infrastructure identified in Avista's Transportation Electrification Plan.

Under the Rural Access Initiative, select towns may have an Avista-owned Level-2 charging station installed and maintained free of charge at a mutually agreed-upon public location. The site host, either the town or a private entity, will only pay for the electricity used by the charging station. To date, selected locations for the EV charging stations vary from town parks, museums and libraries to local grocery stores, gas stations, hotels and restaurants.

*An Avista EV Fast Charger adjacent to the Rosalia, Washington, visitor center. The visitor center use to be a stopover for horse carriages before it became one of the first gas stations in the area.*





**SizeUpInlandNW**  
Powered by Avista

## COMPETITIVE BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE

Avista has partnered with INP to provide SizeUp Inland NW to small and medium-sized businesses across our service territories. This free online tool enables access to market research and business intelligence that is industry-specific and hyperlocal. This information can help business owners make data-driven decisions as they recover from the impact of COVID-19, build resiliency and thrive. SizeUp Inland NW uses big data, cloud computing and computer algorithms to deliver custom analysis for local businesses. The data comes from hundreds of public and proprietary data sources and is updated regularly to provide the following types of data:

- Rank business performance compared to industry competitors
- Discover potential customers and suppliers
- Better understand the competitive landscape
- Optimize advertising to target ideal customer segments
- Find ways to save their business money

Avista has also launched SizeUp Southern Oregon to provide the same free competitive business intelligence for small and medium-sized businesses across Avista's six county service territory in southern Oregon.

### Meet Avista's RBMs

Find contact information and learn more about how our Regional Business Managers may help.

## SUPPLY CHAIN

Avista is committed to maximizing the value created through effective supply chain services to meet our operational needs and to provide value through efficiencies and cost savings that we pass along to our customers. Our internal processes ensure a competitive contracting environment while at the same time developing solid partnerships with our suppliers.

Through our Supplier Diversity Program, we also focus on developing and maintaining supplier engagements among diverse organizations that self-identify as women-owned, minority or disadvantaged-ownership, small business, veteran-owned, and service-disabled-veteran owned. In addition to encouraging diversity among our suppliers, we also seek to engage with local and small businesses when their products and services meet our supply chain requirements. We believe supplier diversity is a strategy that supports economic development and enhances our supply chain by incorporating different experiences and perspectives, which can result in increased innovation and competitive advantage.

Trust-based relationships are foundational to our Supplier Diversity Program. Avista actively solicits diverse suppliers by meeting people where they are.

For example, Avista’s supply chain team attends the “Meet the Buyers” event in the Spring and the “Meet the Bigs” event in the Fall, sponsored by the Greater Spokane Inc. These events provide small and local businesses opportunities to connect with larger businesses to discuss capabilities and business needs.

We also regularly meet with the Spokane Tribe of Indians’ Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO) office and engage with other regional American Indian Tribes that reside within our service territory to provide resources, educational materials, and to share information about current bidding opportunities. Additionally, through a partnership with APEX Accelerators, formerly Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (PTAC), we provide virtual education on the Washington State certification process for women-owned businesses.

Community-based organizations that focus on the development of diverse businesses are an important ally to our Supplier Diversity Program. Among the organizations that we partner with are [APEX Accelerators](#), an organization that supports diverse businesses, [The Carl Maxey Center](#), a Spokane-based non-profit organization that provides programs and services focused on addressing the needs of Spokane’s African American/Black community, and [AHANA](#), a Spokane based non-profit organization that supports and promotes multi-ethnic and multi-cultural businesses.

Avista is also sponsoring the development of a local community web-based platform of diverse suppliers. Participating area businesses such as Avista will gain insight into additional local and diverse suppliers, creating connections and business

opportunities. Such resources and previously mentioned partnerships are catalysts for identifying, recruiting, and enhancing our diverse supplier base.

Within Avista, we have implemented numerous enhancements to our Supply Chain processes in support of our Supplier Diversity Program. Among these enhancements include the incorporation of prospective vendors’ diversity-related information into a supplier diversity rating matrix within our Request for Proposal (RFP) process, updating our external website to incorporate information about our Supplier Diversity Program, and the creation of an online Business Inquiry Submission Form.

Please visit us online if interested in [Doing Business with Avista](#). Here you may also learn additional details about our supply chain processes and commitment to Supplier Diversity.

### Local Impact

As one of the largest taxpayers in the region, paying over \$110 million in taxes annually, our economic impact supports family-wage jobs in rural, suburban and urban communities in our 30,000 square-mile service territory in eastern Washington, northern Idaho and parts of southern and eastern Oregon and Sanders County, Montana.

### Our Commitment to Supplier Diversity

We believe that diversity in our backgrounds, culture, ethnicity, race, gender, and other personal and shared group experiences makes us stronger as a Company and as a leader in our communities. By operating our business through a diverse lens, Avista gains the benefit of multiple perspectives, leading to innovative breakthroughs for our customers, suppliers, and communities.

Our commitment to diversity extends to our suppliers as well. We strive to engage with diverse suppliers in support of our values and business strategies, and to reflect the values and expectations of our stakeholders. Avista wants our suppliers to be representative of the communities we serve. We believe that a diverse supplier base strengthens partnerships, fosters innovation and competition, enhances customer loyalty, and contributes to the economic growth and development of our communities.

### Our Suppliers will be representative of the communities we serve

Aspirational goal to increase our supplier diversity spend from 5% to 11% by 2035.

*Supplier diversity spend includes Women, Minority, Disadvantaged, Veteran, and Service-Disabled-Veteran owned businesses.*

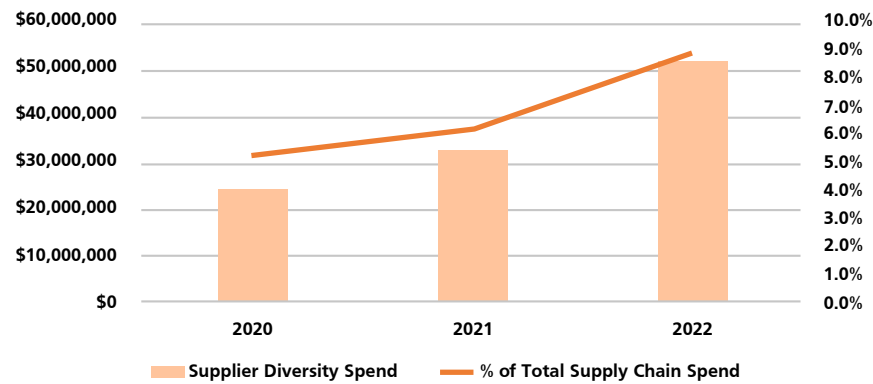
## DIVERSITY SPEND, SMALL BUSINESS AND LOCAL SPEND TABLE (2022)

SUPPLY CHAIN SPEND BREAKDOWN	2022
Total Supplier Diversity Spend <sup>1</sup>	\$51.7M
% of Total Supply Chain Managed Spend	8.9%
Total Small Business Spend	\$38.2M
% of Total Supply Chain Managed Spend	6.8%
Total Local Community Business Spend	\$181.6M
% of Total Supply Chain Managed Spend	31.3%
Total Supply Chain Managed Spend	\$580.0M

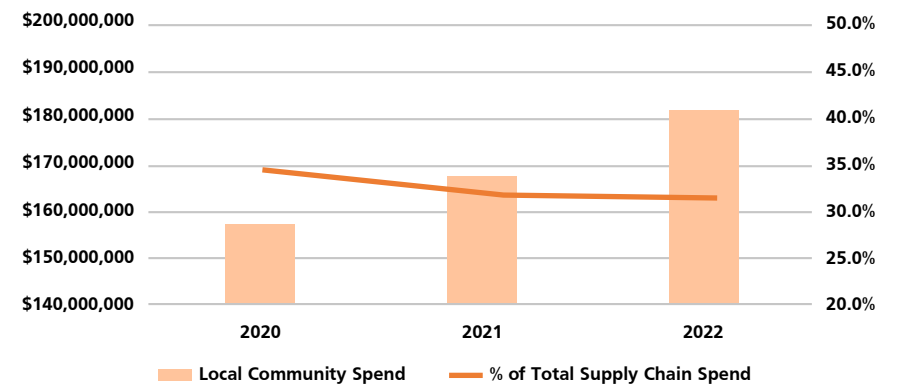
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### AVISTA SUPPLIER DIVERSITY SPEND



### LOCAL COMMUNITY BUSINESS SPEND



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Providing meaningful philanthropic support to our communities without impacting customer rates, recognizing that these efforts help to strengthen our communities, broaden the reach of local organizations, and improve our local economies.

## PHILANTHROPIC SUPPORT

Our vision for giving back means that we are investing in organizations and causes in ways that can be transformational and have long-lasting impact. Avista community investments are made through Corporate and Avista Foundation donations and are never included in customer rates. Rather, we give back a portion of the profits that we are allowed to earn from our state utility commissions and reinvest in the communities we serve. We believe that bringing value to our customers, communities and attaining our business goals go hand-in-hand.

Since its founding in 2002, the Avista Foundation has created a legacy of investments for our local communities and continues to serve as the primary charitable vehicle our Company. The Avista Foundation focuses its giving on grants that strengthen communities and enhance the quality of lives of the people served by our Company. Emphasis is in the areas of:

- Education—supporting K–12 education particularly in the fields of science, math and technology; and higher education including scholarships.

- Vulnerable and limited income populations—providing assistance to those on limited incomes and support for initiatives to reduce poverty.
- Economic and cultural vitality—supporting projects that help our communities and citizens to grow and prosper. Avista corporate donations focus primarily on energy assistance and economic vitality-related initiatives that benefit our customers and communities.

During 2022, the Avista Foundation provided grants totaling just over \$2.0 million while Avista Corporation provided an additional \$724,000. These charitable grants were awarded to local community organizations throughout our service territories for community vitality, education, health and human services, arts and culture, and youth organizations and programs. [Learn more](#) about the Avista Foundation.



AVISTA FOUNDATION & AVISTA CORPORATION GIVING	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Health & Human Services	\$723,529	\$1,338,999	\$2,201,973	\$780,823	\$845,979
Youth	\$337,121	\$505,990	\$291,228	\$315,652	\$504,068
Arts & Culture	\$169,043	\$282,940	\$132,148	\$209,193	\$181,919
Education	\$318,224	\$335,204	\$641,261	\$651,881	\$593,681
Community Vitality	\$403,294	\$899,244	\$723,587	\$691,985	\$610,737
Environmental*	\$20,323	\$22,299	\$17,320	\$19,669	\$36,340
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,971,534</b>	<b>\$3,384,676</b>	<b>\$4,007,517</b>	<b>\$2,669,203</b>	<b>\$2,772,724</b>

\*The majority of Avista's support for environmental stewardship comes through the millions spent each year in meeting the federal license requirements for our projects on the Clark Fork and Spokane rivers. Please see our Environmental Commitments section of this report for more information.



## THE AVISTA FOUNDATION ANTI-HATE POLICY

The Avista Foundation shares the philanthropy industry's commitment to preventing the funding of organizations linked to hateful activities. As a best practice and to highlight transparency and consistency in our grantmaking decisions, our Anti-Hate Policy is designed to screen and confirm that organizations we fund are not engaged in hateful activities.

### ANTI-HATE POLICY

The Avista Foundation does not support hateful activities. The Avista Foundation implements this policy through due diligence to ensure that hateful activities are identified, and steps are taken to avoid any Avista Foundation support for them.

"Hateful activities" is defined to mean activities that incite or engage in violence, intimidation, harassment, threats, exploitation, or defamation targeting an individual or group based on their actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, ethnicity, immigration status, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age or disability. These activities are contrary to the Avista Foundation's mission and its charitable purpose. The Avista Foundation relies on data crosschecked from various sources to determine if a nonprofit falls into one of these categories.

Decisions regarding grant distributions, and the investment of assets, are made at the sole discretion of the Avista Foundation in furtherance of its charitable mission.







## AVISTA SCHOLARSHIPS

Planning for our future is not limited to our utility infrastructure, but also entails growing and supporting our future workforce. As part of our focus and effort to support our communities and reach of local organizations, we partner with colleges and universities throughout our service territories to provide several different scholarship opportunities for students. Our aim for these scholarships is to promote excellence in the STEM fields of science, technology, engineering and math. Our hope is that students will become innovators, problem solvers and part of a diverse and talented class of new workers, ensuring a skilled and local workforce for our future.

Avista scholarships are offered at select colleges and universities across Washington, Oregon, and Idaho:

- Eastern Oregon State College
- Eastern Washington University
- Gonzaga University
- Lewis and Clark State College
- North Idaho College
- Oregon Institute of Technology
- Southern Oregon State College
- University of Idaho
- Walla Walla Community College
- Washington State University

[Learn more about Avista's scholarship opportunities.](#)

## EMPLOYEE GIVING

This is who we are—human empowering. This is not just our brand promise, but the consistent way that our employees interact, innovate, and lead meaningful change in our local communities. Wherever and whenever there is a major event, it is a given that Avista will be there. Our employees embrace the spirit and can-do attitudes of our customers and our communities and embrace the many opportunities to serve in volunteer capacities for personal growth, for camaraderie, for fun and to serve others. And often, our employees are leading local organizations that support and impact the towns they call home all throughout our service territories.

To further strengthen our volunteering engagement, in 2022 we launched a new volunteering training program for employees. As part of this program, we delivered non-profit leadership courses to interested employees. Through mid-2023, nearly 120 employees have now completed this training course. We are also developing a series of advanced workshops to help employees with challenging volunteering issues like fundraising, performance reviews for executive directors, and financial audits. Further, we continue to match employees who are interested in non-profit board service with opportunities that fit their skills and interests. As employees engage in volunteerism, they build meaningful connections with our customers and within our communities.

These external interactions and volunteering efforts provide unique insights into our local community needs. This connectedness improves our ability to be good community partners. We also look to engage with various diverse communities across our service territories to learn about areas of mutual interest and to ensure that our community strategies are aligned. Together, we can better identify needs and work together to facilitate lasting solutions.



### SALVATION ARMY BACKPACK DRIVE

For over 130 years, we have been an active partner with our local communities with our spirit of service and putting the interests of our customer and our communities at the heart of our actions. Our employees are dedicated to the communities they call home and participate in numerous local volunteer opportunities. Avista has been a long-time partner with the Salvation Army, including their annual Kids Backpack Dive.

In 2023, nearly 50 employees volunteered to help organize and distribute backpacks and school supplies to 4,000 local kids. In the weeks leading up to the event, our employees donated supplies and raised funds for the event, funds matched by the Avista Credit Union and the Avista Foundation. Together, \$12,000 was raised for the Salvation Army's Kids Backpack Drive. Our generous employees love lending a hand and knowing how much their efforts help kids get off to a good start in the school year.

### EMPLOYEE GIFT MATCHING

Our employee gift matching program is an intentional and meaningful way for Avista to support and recognize the dedication and generosity of our employees who make personal donations to non-profit organizations in our local communities. Often, when our employees make donations, they have a personal connection to the non-profit organization, perhaps through regular volunteering or knowing someone who was positively impacted by the support or services being provided. Regardless of the reason, it is our privilege to increase the impact of that personal donation to those non-profit organizations that are so valued by our employees through the matching gifts program of the Avista Foundation.

All eligible gifts up to \$200 each year receive a dollar-for-dollar match. Funding for this program is from the Avista Foundation and is not included in customer rates. We appreciate the opportunity to join with our employees to give generously to causes and local organizations that make meaningful impacts for our children, families, and communities. In 2022, employees generously gave \$14,798 to non-profit organizations that are important to them, their families, and their community. With the dollar-for-dollar match, a total of \$35,871 was distributed to local non-profits through the Avista Foundation's employee gift matching program.



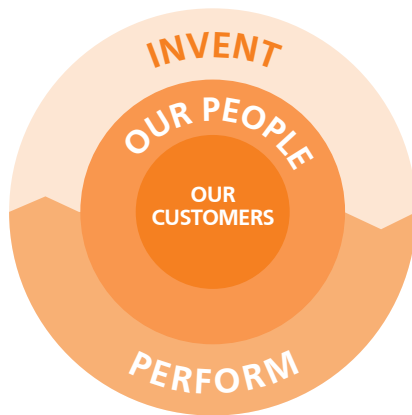
EMPLOYEE GIFT MATCHING PROGRAM METRICS	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Employee Gifts	\$30,150	\$24,312	\$25,155	\$12,282	\$14,798
Company Match	\$30,150	\$24,312	\$50,309*	\$12,282	\$14,798
Dollars for Doers		\$6,590	\$3,060	\$1,850	\$6,275
<b>Total Program Gifts</b>	<b>\$60,300</b>	<b>\$55,214</b>	<b>\$78,524</b>	<b>\$26,414</b>	<b>\$35,871</b>

\* In 2020 the Company Match rate was doubled to provide additional aid to those who may be struggling with COVID-19-related impacts.

**5 Holding our customers and communities’ interests at the forefront of our decisions, operating our business with transparency, genuine care, and ease of conducting business—our customers can rely on us.**

**CUSTOMERS AT THE CENTER**

Our mission is to improve our customer’s lives through innovative energy solutions. We do this safely, responsibly, and affordably, and we place those we serve at the center of everything we do. Quite simply, this is what we do, and why we do it. By placing our customers at the center of everything we do, we ultimately hold their interests at the forefront of our decisions. Avista’s four strategic focus areas serve to guide and reinforce our commitments to our customers and communities.



Avista is committed to conducting our business ethically and being transparent about our actions to our stakeholders. We know that our work directly empowers our customers to live their lives to the fullest. As such, we carefully consider how our business intersects with our customers and communities especially on key issues such as climate change. We are committed to working together with our customers, communities and regulators to address the challenging issues of climate change, and aid in the transition to a lower carbon future in ways that make technological, environmental, economic and equitable sense for our customers and communities.

**FOCUS AREAS**

**Our Customers.** We must hold our customers’ interests at the forefront of all our decisions, operating our business by showing that we are transparent, genuinely care, and are easy to do business with.

**Our People.** Our employees are essential: Through them we deliver value to our customers and the communities we serve.

**Perform.** Our focus on performance today is critical to serving our customers well and unlocking pathways to growth.

**Invent.** The activities that yielded yesterday’s successes will not be sufficient to meet the challenges of tomorrow.

In recognition of these commitments, Avista has been recognized by Ethisphere, a global leader in defining and advancing the standards of ethical business practices, as one of the World’s Most Ethical Companies for the past four years. Our actions are mission-driven and values-based, with a commitment to achieving our organizational goals in ways that deliver value for our stakeholders. We are honored to receive this recognition, which demonstrates the leadership of our employees and Avista’s commitment to an ethical corporate culture built on trust, collaboration and innovation.

[Learn more about Ethisphere and their World’s Most Ethical Companies award.](#)



## CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE

We are in a time where customers’ expectations have never been higher, and their needs and desires change rapidly. To meet their needs in this changing landscape, it is imperative that we keep a central focus on our customers, holding their interests at the forefront of all our decisions. We strive to ensure that every touch point is effective and that we make it easy for them to do business with us.

We are proud of the Company’s focus on putting our customers at the center of our business in order to drive a better Customer Experience (CX). CX is how customers perceive their interactions with us an organization. A customer’s perception starts the moment they become aware of our Company and is made up of the sum of all interactions they have with us over time.

There are three dimensions to CX that are components of an experience that improves customer experience and creates customer loyalty:

**Effective:** when an interaction is effective, customers are able to accomplish their goal. Effective interactions meet the needs of the individual. The product or service must deliver value to our customers, or the experience will fail fundamentally.

**Ease:** easy interactions mean customers are able to achieve their goals with minimal effort. When alternative paths to value are harder, ease of doing business creates increased customer experience.

**Emotion:** the best interactions evoke positive customer emotions and avoid provoking negative emotions. Positive customer emotions can lead to customer retention, enrichment, advocacy, and loyalty.

Good CX creates customer loyalty and having loyal customers is about more than loyalty. Loyal customers become advocates, they are more likely to seek our advice as trusted energy advisors, and they are often more willing to take action on our recommendations like conserving energy during extreme heat situations or following our safety advice. Additionally, loyal customers are more likely to be aware of and participate in the

variety of products and services we offer such as comfort level billing, energy efficiency programs, or renewable energy programs.

The graphic below provides a summary of Avista’s CX Vision and **4 Keys** of showing **Care** for our customers, ensuring that customers can interact with us with **Ease**, how we continue to build **Trust**, and the **Ownership** each employee has in creating a positive customer experience for our customers. These **Keys** serve as the guiding principles for our employees and contractors, defining how to live Avista’s customers as the central focus in our day-to-day work.



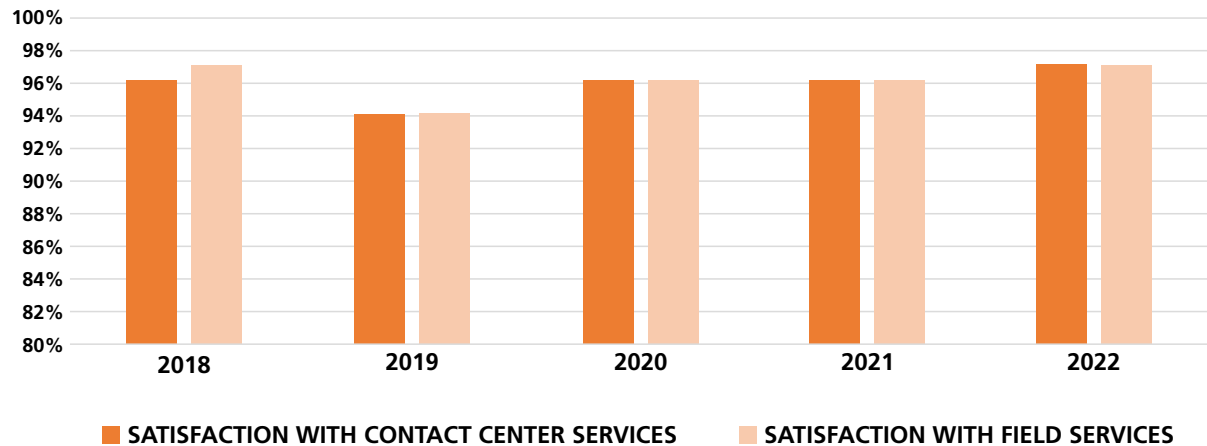
## CUSTOMER SATISFACTION

Avista places customers at the center of its operations, and we take responsibility for meeting both our customers’ expectations and our own service standards. To uphold this commitment, we have established clear customer satisfaction goals through our Service Quality Measures (SQM) program. The SQM program sets targets for customer service, operational response times, and system reliability, among other key factors. We track these goals using metrics and internal processes, enabling our employees to strive towards achieving these ambitious objectives. In where we fall short, we may face financial penalties, which we then pay to our customers in the form of bill credits. Annually, we provide our Washington and Idaho customers with a comprehensive SQM report card, detailing the outcomes of our efforts to emphasize our ongoing commitments to customer satisfaction.

Avista also monitors a crucial customer satisfaction metric known as the Voice of the Customer (VOC). The VOC is a survey administered by a third-party vendor to gauge customer satisfaction levels following their interactions with us. Customers are asked to rate various customer service attributes, including hold wait times, courteousness and knowledge, and service resolution. We carefully assess these ratings to identify areas for improvement and customer comments, as they often provide valuable insights for enhancing our products and services. We take immense pride in achieving remarkable results, as our VOC satisfaction ratings have consistently surpassed 90% for the past 23 years.

CUSTOMER SERVICE MEASURES	BENCHMARK	2022 PERFORMANCE	ACHIEVED
Percent of customers satisfied with our Contact Center services, based on survey results	At least 90%	97%	YES
Percent of customers satisfied with field services, based on survey results	At least 90%	97%	YES
Number of complaints to the WUTC per 1,000 customers, per year	Less than 0.40	0.05	YES
Percent of calls answered live within 60 seconds by our Contact Center	At least 80%	81%	YES
Average time from customer call to arrival of field technicians in response to electric system emergencies, per year	No more than 80 minutes	52 minutes	YES
Average time from customer call to arrival of field technicians in response to natural gas system emergencies, per year	No more than 55 minutes	48 minutes	YES

## VOICE OF THE CUSTOMER (VOC)



## STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

To understand the perspectives and needs of those who rely on us, Avista proactively engages with our stakeholders through a variety of communication methods, partnerships, committees and recurring meetings, research and surveys, employees who are directly responsible for stakeholder engagements and by monitoring emerging initiatives and regulatory proceedings. Our stakeholders include:

- Residential, commercial and industrial customers
- Investors, financial analysts, credit rating and financial institutions
- Current and retired employees
- Residents of the communities we serve and those of neighboring cities and towns
- Regional American Indian Tribes
- Non-profit and low-income advocates
- Environmental groups
- Federal, state and local regulators
- Vendors and contracted employees
- Elected officials
- Media channels
- Other companies in the energy industry, among others.

Public policy plays significant role in shaping the economic environment of our local communities and our operations. As an energy Company, we are affected by the decisions made by federal, state and local officials. In turn, these decisions also affect our customers, communities, employees and investors. We have both a Government

Relations department and a Regulatory Affairs department who monitor and participate in the public policy and regulatory arenas for the benefit of our stakeholders. At Avista, we strive to develop collaborative and respectful approaches to these issues so that we have a seat at the table and continue to best represent the interests of our stakeholders.

Avista's Regional Business Managers (RBMs) engage with local government, businesses and civic organizations across the Northwest and focus on improving quality of life, economic growth strategies, sustainability efforts and other local infrastructure and construction projects. RBMs also facilitate the identification of philanthropy and sponsorships opportunities that support education, economic and cultural vitality of the communities that we serve.

Over 30 years ago, the Company established an American Indian Relations department to enhance our partnerships with regional Tribes. As key stakeholders and business partners, we recognize the strategic importance of strong relationships with our regional Tribes. Together, we work to support operations on tribal lands, comply with tribal and federal regulations, pursue business opportunities with Tribes and partner on employment and educational opportunities.

We recognize that the transition to a cleaner energy future may benefit or inadvertently harm customers disproportionately depending on certain factors such as where they live, their primary language or level of income. To aid in the identification and understanding of these potential barriers and how best to implement programs equitably, Avista established an Equity

Advisory Group (EAG). It is comprised of Company representatives, customers, community members, environmental justice and public health advocates, regional American Indian Tribes, highly impacted communities, vulnerable populations and other interested external parties. A current 2023 EAG member list is located online at [Washington's Clean Energy Future](#).

Currently, EAG members represent the following seventeen demographic areas:

- Affordable Housing
- Adults with Disabilities
- BIPOC Community
- Ecology / Environmental
- Education / Disabilities
- Energy Assistance
- Environmental & Marginalized Populations
- Environmental / Renewable / Youth
- Government Agency / City Library Services
- LGBTQIA+
- Low-Income
- Named Community Resources
- Named Community School District
- Regional American Indian Tribes
- Regional Clean Air
- Senior Citizens
- Youth / High School

Through ongoing stakeholder engagement, the EAG has identified a group of Named Communities in our Washington service territories, which are comprised of highly impacted communities and our most vulnerable populations, which are impacted by adverse socioeconomic conditions as well as those who experience a disproportionate cumulative risk of environmental burdens.

To ensure that we are successfully engaging with customers in our Named Communities, we implemented a Public Participation Plan that identified engagement barriers such as language, visual or audio impairment, and virtual technology constraints, among others, and corresponding strategies to mitigate these barriers to effective stakeholder engagement. The EAG is currently working on projects and programs designed to positively impact these communities through the Named Communities Investment Fund as we continue our transition to an even cleaner utility.

Avista's Named Communities Investment Fund (NCIF) is comprised of an annual \$5 million fund dedicated to the equitable distribution of energy and non-energy benefits and reduction in burdens to our Named Communities. The fund is part of Avista's compliance with Washington State's Clean Energy Implementation Plan requirements. The fund is designed to be implemented in the following allocations within our Named Communities:

- **40% or up to \$2.0 million: Supplement and support energy efficiency efforts.**
- **20% or up to \$1.0 million: Investments in distribution resiliency efforts.**

- **20% or up to \$1.0 million: Incentives or grants to develop projects by local third parties.**
- **10% or up to \$500,000: Used for newly developed targeted outreach and engagement efforts.**
- **10% or up to \$500,000: Used for other projects, programs, or initiatives.**

Avista's EAG is also used to ensure a consistent equity focus in other areas of the Company by coordinating with existing Company advisory groups who similarly incorporate an equity component to their objectives. Our Energy Efficiency Advisory Group and Energy Assistance Advisory Group are also comprised of internal and external representatives including customers, community members and agencies, regulators and other interested parties seeking to ensure that their programs and offerings are equitable and accessible to our low-income customers.

In addition, the [Company's Transportation Electrification Plan](#) details our engagement with local service organizations and community leaders to providing electric transportation to disadvantaged communities and low-income customers. An aspirational goal of up to 30% of overall electric transportation program funding will be targeted for community organizations serving the disadvantaged, through a collaborative process and competitive proposal selections. Avista will also provide additional electric vehicle charging installation assistance for community centers and public libraries, low-income rural towns, multi-unit dwellings, and residential customers receiving bill assistance.

Throughout our Company, we encourage stakeholder engagement in our planning and implementation activities on a regular basis. We engage stakeholder in electric and natural gas construction projects, our Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for long range Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) for electric and natural gas resources, energy efficiency programs, Account Executives engaging with our large commercial and industrial customers, partnership with local community agencies for bill assistance programs, vegetation management programs, emergency response exercises, and the requirements of our hydroelectric licenses, among others.

Lastly, our Corporate Communications department engages with our stakeholders through a variety of communication channels, including issue-focused emails, social media channels such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, listening posts, focus groups, surveys, community meetings, print and digital media, electronic and print newsletters, bill inserts, press releases and regular meetings with media editors and news staff.



## MICRO-GRID PROJECT WITH THE SPOKANE TRIBE OF INDIANS

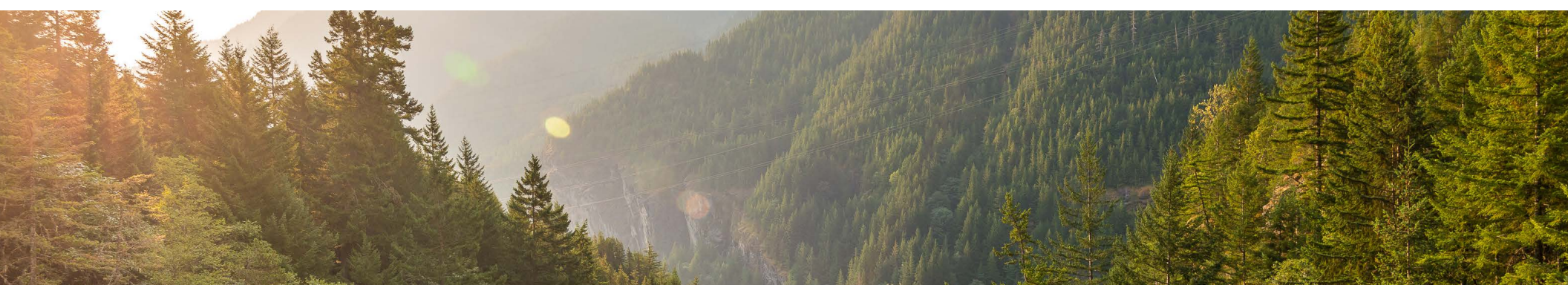
Avista is partnering with the Spokane Tribe of Indians to develop a micro-grid resiliency project and was awarded a Washington State Clean Energy Fund grant to support this joint effort. The project is focused on solutions to help enhance grid reliability and resiliency and to provide more affordable energy. Over the coming years, we will build upon the clean energy steps the Spokane Tribe has already taken and develop a suite of project designs that meet their energy roadmap objectives and support our own goals as well. Throughout the process, Avista's Equity Advisory Group will gather input from Tribal members. What we learn will create a blueprint for options that Avista can apply to other communities we serve that face similar challenges. This micro-grid project is supporting Tribal goals for emergency preparedness, carbon footprint reduction and self-sufficient strategies to maintain operations during an outage or natural disaster.

## ENGAGING WITH OUR SPOKANE AND CLARK FORK RIVER STAKEHOLDERS

Avista engages with federal and state agencies, conservation organizations, and regional American Indian Tribes to bring a variety of perspectives and interests to the table in implementing federal and state mandated environmental measures associated with the operation of our hydroelectric dams on the Spokane and Clark Fork rivers. Representatives of federal and state agencies address issues such as water quality, endangered species and fish passage. Tribal representatives are ensuring the protection of the area's cultural and natural resources. Other stakeholders represent local non-profits, environmental and community groups and customers regarding recreational opportunities. Together, we work collaboratively to ensure that our stakeholders' interests are recognized and honored in the operations of our hydroelectric facilities. [Learn more.](#)

## ENGAGING WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES

In 2022, we continued our legacy of enhancing public access and recreational opportunities among our natural resources with our development of Upriver Park. This new park involved key stakeholder engagement and collaboration with the Logan and Chief Garry Park neighborhood councils, the Friends of the Centennial Trail, and the City of Spokane with a goal to provide recreational opportunities in previously underserved areas of the city. The design of the new park also supports the objectives of the City of Spokane's Master Plan by creating additional public access to the Spokane River, enhancing the ecological health of the shoreline and improving public safety along the adjacent Centennial Trail. Upriver Park includes amenities such as a launch area for paddlers, park benches, interpretive signs, picnic tables, bike racks, lighting and a plaza greeting park visitors at each of the two entrances, along with the plantings of native trees and shrubs.





OUR COMMITMENT TO  
**ETHICAL  
GOVERNANCE**



## OUR COMMITMENT TO ETHICAL GOVERNANCE

**We maintain a strong foundation of corporate governance practices that promotes transparency, accountability, and engagement, and that ensures there is complete, transparent, and effective oversight of the affairs of our Company to protect and enhance shareholder value. Our efforts and commitments include:**

1. Approaching all aspects of corporate governance ethically and with clear standards of appropriate corporate behavior.
2. Promoting effective oversight of the Company through a strong and independent Board.
3. Actively seeking to establish and enhance diversity among our Board of Directors and executive leadership.
4. Striving to improve the performance of the Board of Directors and executive leadership through effective performance assessments, appropriate and fair compensation practices, and ongoing investment in education and professional development.
5. Ensuring that shareholders have an appropriate voice with respect to matters impacting the Company through outreach and engagement.
6. Maintaining transparency with respect to governance of the Company and the pursuit of its strategic goals.



# 1

**Approaching all aspects of corporate governance ethically and with clear standards of appropriate corporate behavior.**

## ETHICAL CONDUCT

Avista’s commitment to Corporate Responsibility encompasses a broad approach to sustainability, stewardship and corporate citizenship to build long term value for our stakeholders. For over 130 years, these same principles have guided us in what we do and are reflected in the Company’s recognition for the past four years as one of the World’s Most Ethical Companies by the [Ethisphere Institute](#) a global leader in defining and advancing the standards of ethical business practices, corporate character, integrity, transparency and corporate trust.



## GOVERNANCE GUIDELINES

Avista’s Governance Guidelines are adopted by our Board to address matters including qualification of directors, standards of independence for directors, election of directors, responsibilities and expectations of directors,

and evaluation of director and committee performance. The Governance Guidelines are reviewed annually and updated, as necessary. The Governance Guidelines, along with the Bylaws, Board Committee Charters, and our Code of Conduct, provide the framework for the governance of the Company. [Our Governance Guidelines](#) and [Code of Conduct](#) are accessible on the Avista Corporation website.

Directors are each elected annually to hold office for a one-year term. The Governance and Corporate Responsibility Committee is responsible for reviewing, evaluating, and presenting recommended director nominations, and will likewise consider recommendations that are made by our shareholders. Of our eleven directors, ten of them are independent. Currently, the roles of Chairman and CEO are separated. Mr. Morris serves as the Chairman of the Board and the Company is led by Mr. Vermillion, who has served as its CEO since October 1, 2019. Having retired as CEO effective October 1, 2019, Mr. Morris now meets the independence standards established by the New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”). Nonetheless, the Board has established an independent Vice Chair of the Board, which was previously designated as the independent Lead Director. The independent Vice Chair is a Board elected position filled by an independent director for a three-year term.

All members of our Board and executive officers are required to achieve and maintain certain minimum investment levels of Avista common stock within specified timelines for the duration of their tenure. The objectives of our stock ownership guidelines are to strengthen the alignment of Board and executive officer

financial interests with those of our shareholders, enhance long-term perspective and focus on shareholder value growth, reinforce “pay at risk” philosophy and provide an additional basis for sharing in Company success or failure as reflected in shareholder returns and to align Company practice with corporate governance best practices.

## AVISTA’S GOVERNANCE

Avista’s Governance structure, programs and practices is recognized by the Institutional Shareholder Services Group of companies (ISS), earning their highest governance QualityScore methodology.

The ISS ESG Governance QualityScore is a data-driven scoring and screening solution designed to help institutional investors in their quality reviews of risk in Board Structure, Compensation programs, Shareholder Rights, and Audit & Risk Oversight. Scores provide an indication of relative quality and are supported by factor-level data that is critical to the research process to understand a company’s approach to governance. As governance factors play a heightened role in investment decision-making, Governance QualityScore provides investors with invaluable data and insight to support their analysis. For more information, [click here](#).



## BOARD POLICY ADHERENCE

Our Insider Trading Policy expressly prohibits all directors and executive officers from engaging in short-sales, zero-cost collars, forward sales contracts, pledging, hedging or otherwise offsetting any decrease in the market value of their Avista shares. Similarly, our Board has adopted a [Related Party Transactions Policy](#) due to the heightened risk of certain transactions that may present potential conflicts of interest for our directors or executive officers. Our [Code of Conduct](#) also applies to our members of the Board and to all employees and our business partners, including; suppliers, contractors, consultants, agents or others working with or on behalf of Avista. We all have the same obligations and responsibilities to understand and follow Avista’s Code of Conduct.

We employ a confidential hotline to provide an anonymous way to raise concerns of potential misconduct. Any party may use Avista’s confidential hotline that is administered by a third-party vendor and is available 24 hours a day, every day. The Chair of our Audit Committee and members of our executive officer group and senior management are notified of raised concerns directly from the third-party vendor. The investigation results of these reported concerns are presented quarterly to the Audit Committee.

Shareholders and other interested parties may also send concerns about accounting, internal controls or auditing matters to the Chair of our Audit Committee, via the Corporate Secretary’s office, at the following address:

NUMBER OF BOARD MEETING IN 2023	BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE
4	100%

**BOARD MEMBERS COMPLETE CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING ON AN ANNUAL BASIS.**

**AVISTA CORPORATE SECRETARY**  
 1411 East Mission Ave.  
 P.O. Box 3727 (MSC-10)  
 Spokane, WA 99220

**AVISTA HOTLINE:**  
 1-877-861-6690

**AVISTA ALERTLINE WEBSITE**  
[www.avistacorp.ethicspoint.com](http://www.avistacorp.ethicspoint.com)



# 2 Promoting effective oversight of the Company through a strong and independent Board.

## BOARD INDEPENDENCE

The Board has been, and continues to be, a strong proponent of director independence. It is the policy of the Board that a majority of the directors be independent from management and that the Board does not engage in transactions that would conflict with the best interests of the Company's business. The Company's corporate governance structures and practices provide for a strong, independent Board and include several independent oversight mechanisms:

- All members of the Board are independent except the Chief Executive Officer.
- All members of the Board committees are independent, except the Chief Executive Officer who is a member of the Executive Committee.
- Each Board Committee has a separate independent Chair.
- All Board committees may seek legal, financial or other expert advice from sources independent from management.

In addition to the independent oversight mechanisms listed immediately above, the following items serve to underscore Avista's

commitment to ensuring an appropriate balance of director independence:

- Ten of the Company's eleven directors are independent.
- The positions of Chairman and CEO are separated.
- The average tenure of our directors is 7.5 years, and their average age is 59.7.
- The Board is committed to board refreshment. Our Board has added five new members in the past five years, four of whom are independent.
- The Company has an independent Vice Chair, selected by the Board.
- Independent directors are required to achieve a minimum investment of five times the minimum equity portion of their retainer in Company common stock and are expected to retain at least that level of investment during their tenure on the Board.
- Directors and officers are prohibited from engaging in short sales, pledging, or hedging the economic interest in their Company shares.

**POSITIONS OF CHAIRMAN AND CEO ARE SEPARATED**

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**EACH BOARD COMMITTEE LED BY INDEPENDENT CHAIR**

**PERCENTAGE OF INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS**

**91%**

DIRECTOR REFRESHMENT	
New Directors in last 5 years	5
Of These New Directors, Number of Independent Directors	4



## INDEPENDENT VICE CHAIR

The independent Vice Chair is a Board elected position filled by an independent director for a three-year term. The Vice Chair's duties include:

- Ensuring there is open and effective communication between the Board, the Chairman and management of Board-related matters.
- Keeping an open line of communication that provides for dissemination of information to the Board and discussion before actions are finalized.
- Serving as an independent point of contact for directors, management or shareholders wishing to communicate with the Board other than through the Chairman.
- Presiding at all meetings at which the Chairman is not present.
- Working with the Chairman to set meeting schedules and agendas for the Board meetings, including soliciting input from non-management directors on items for the Board agendas, to ensure that appropriate agenda items are included and that there is adequate time for discussion of these items.

Avista's Vice Chair is available for communications and consultation with major shareholders. The Company has a mechanism for shareholders and other interested parties to communicate with the Vice Chair and independent directors as a group, or on an individual basis.

Our independent directors meet at each regularly scheduled Board meeting. The Chairman and the Vice Chair establish the agenda for each session and also determine which, if any, other individuals, including members of management and independent advisors, should be available for each such meeting.

We believe that our corporate governance structure and practices ensure that strong and independent directors will continue to effectively oversee the Company's management and key issues related to its long-range business plans, long-range strategic decisions, risks and integrity to protect and enhance shareholder value.



**DONALD C. BURKE**  
INDEPENDENT VICE CHAIR OF THE BOARD

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Actively seeking to establish and enhance diversity among our Board of Directors and executive leadership.

## BOARD DIVERSITY

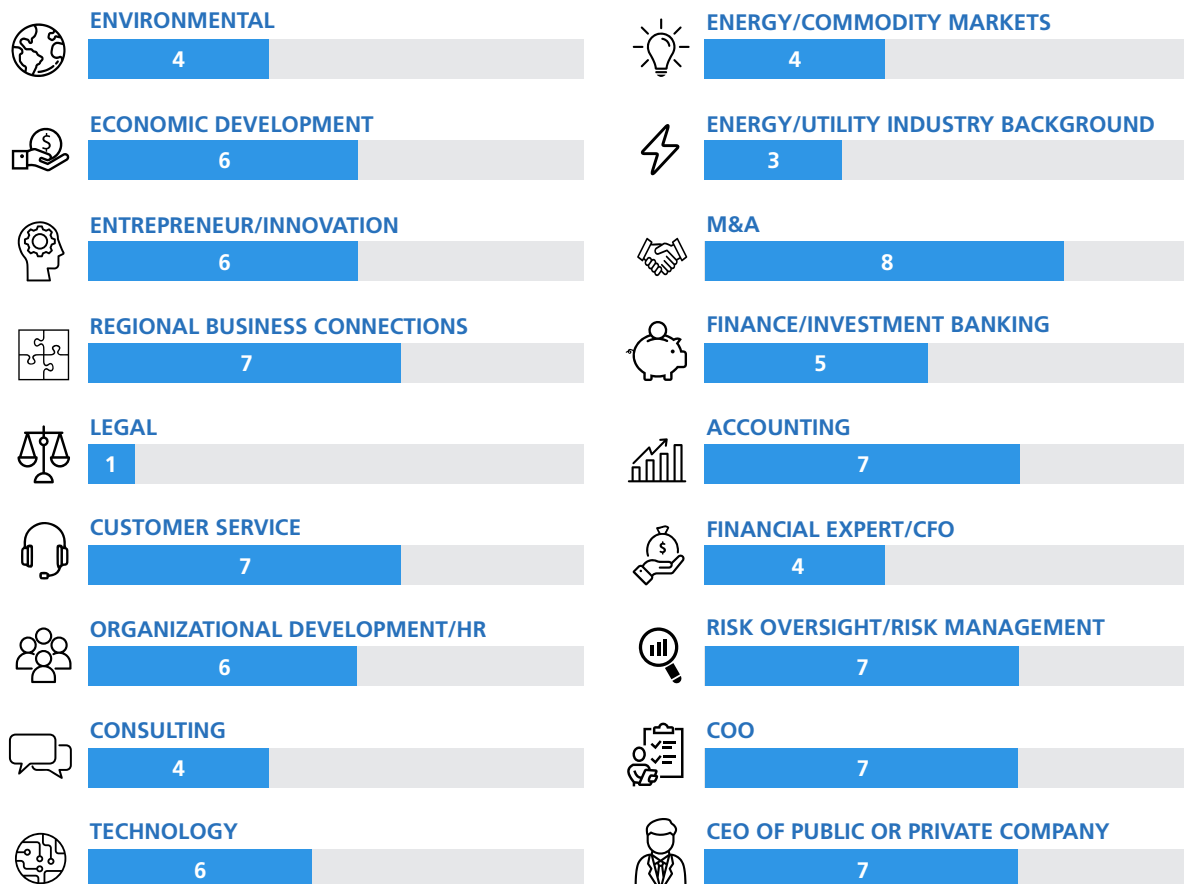
The Board is committed to actively seeking out highly qualified, diverse candidates and including such individuals in each Board candidate pool. Beginning in 2020, the Board adopted a policy in support of this commitment. The policy provides that the Board will include candidates with diverse ethnicity, race, gender, age, sexual orientation and/or gender identity in the pool for possible Board members. As such, when developing each Board candidate pool, the Board adheres to this diversity policy, in addition to the diversity of experience, skills, background, and viewpoint when considering individual candidates.

## BOARD COMPOSITION

The Governance and Corporate Responsibility Committee annually reviews with the Board the composition of the Board as a whole and recommends, if necessary, steps to be taken so that the Board reflects the appropriate balance of knowledge, experience, competencies and expertise, all in the context of an assessment of the needs of the Board and the Company at the time. In evaluating a director candidate, the Governance and Corporate Responsibility Committee considers the knowledge, experience, integrity, business acumen and judgment

## SUMMARY OF BOARD CORE COMPETENCIES

Our director nominees bring a balance of relevant skills to the boardroom, as well as an effective mix of diversity and experience. The following graph sets out a summary of the director nominees' core competencies:



of that candidate; the potential contribution of that candidate to the diversity of backgrounds, experience and competencies the Board desires to have represented; the willingness of that candidate to consider strategic proposals;

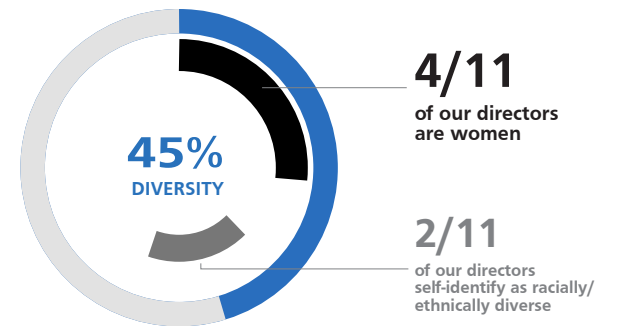
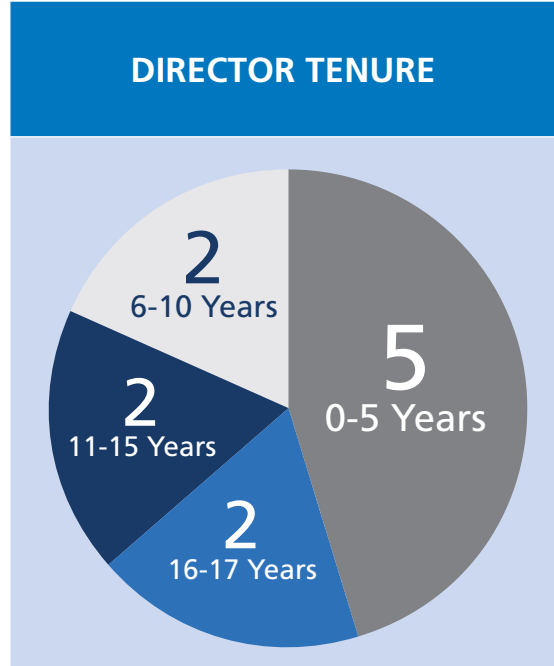
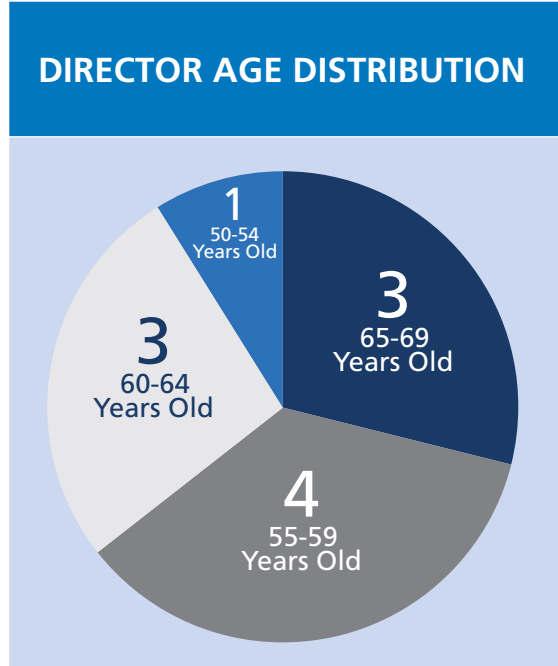
and any other criteria established by the Board, as well as any core competencies or technical expertise necessary to staff the Board Committees.

## BOARD REFRESHMENT

For longer-serving directors, the Governance and Corporate Responsibility Committee also considers the tenure of a director and whether the duration of service impairs such director's independence from management, as demonstrated by the director's relationship with management and the director's participation in Board and committee deliberations. Directors must be able to commit the requisite time for preparation and attendance at regularly scheduled Board and committee meetings, as well as be able to participate in other matters necessary to ensure that good corporate governance is practiced.

The Board believes that it must continue to refresh itself. During the last five years, the Board has added five new members, four of whom are independent, as a result of retirements and departures due to professional and personal commitments. The average tenure of the current directors is 7.5 years, and the average age is 59.7. We have also implemented a Director Retirement Policy where directors may not stand for Board election after age 72. This policy applies to all current directors and the Board does not grant waivers or provide exceptions to this Director Retirement Policy.

AVERAGE DIRECTOR AGE	AVERAGE DIRECTOR TENURE	AVERAGE COMMITTEE CHAIR TENURE
59.7 YEARS	7.5 YEARS	6.5 YEARS





**4** Striving to improve the performance of the Board of Directors and executive leadership through effective performance assessments, appropriate and fair compensation practices, and ongoing investment in education and professional development.

## BOARD PERFORMANCE

We believe that performance management of our executive officers and our Board remains vitally important to evaluate our strategies, policies, structures and results to meet and exceed the ever-changing expectation of our stakeholders.

The Board conducts an annual assessment of its performance and effectiveness. The process is coordinated by the Board Chair and the Chair of the Governance and Corporate Responsibility Committee and is proctored through written assessments completed by each director. Areas of inquiry include, among other things, the following:

- Overall Board performance and areas of focus including strategic and business issues, challenges and opportunities
- Succession planning
- Board Committee structure and composition
- Board culture
- Board composition

- Management performance, including quality of materials, provided to the directors
- Board meeting logistics

## COMMITTEE EVALUATIONS

The Board's committees also conduct annual assessments of their performance and effectiveness through written assessments completed by each committee member. Areas of inquiry include, among other things, the following:

- The sufficiency of their Charters
- Whether committee members possess the right skills and experience or whether additional education or training is required
- Whether there are sufficient meetings covering the right topics
- Whether meeting materials are effective

A summary of all committee assessment results is provided to the Governance and Corporate Responsibility Committee and Board for review and discussion.





## INDIVIDUAL DIRECTOR ASSESSMENTS

Annually, the Board Chair conducts an objective assessment of the quality of each Board member, considering such factors as attendance, participation, engagement with other Board members, and any other factors deemed appropriate. This process includes a discussion between the Board Chair and the Chairs of each Board Committee, as well as individual interviews of each director. The process provides an opportunity for input on individual director performance, as well as practical input from each director on what the Board should continue doing, start doing and stop doing. The information gathered through the assessment process is reviewed by the Governance and Corporate Responsibility Committee and considered in its recommendation of Board members to stand for election each year.

## EXECUTIVE PERFORMANCE

The Compensation Committee believes in aligning pay with performance. To help accomplish that alignment, all executives receive annual performance reviews conducted by their direct manager, and the Compensation Committee reviews each Named Executive Officer's (NEO) performance ratings.

At the beginning of each calendar year, the Compensation Committee asks our CEO to develop specific performance targets and goals for his role based on strategic goals set by the Board. The Compensation Committee reviews and approves our CEO's goals at its annual February meeting

and presents those goals to the full Board for its information and review. The Board quarterly reviews our CEO's performance relative to his targets. At the end of the year, the Compensation Committee reviews our CEO's year-end results as part of its overall CEO annual performance review process.

## DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

The Board regularly reviews director compensation to determine whether it is appropriate and competitive in light of market circumstances and prevailing best practices for corporate governance for the energy / utility industry. Through this review process, the Board targets overall director compensation to the median of the same peer group used to review executive compensation. The elements of director compensation reflect the Board's view that compensation to the independent directors should consist of an appropriate mix of cash and stock. The cash portion of the retainer is paid quarterly, and the stock portion is paid annually. Employee directors are not compensated for their Board service.

## EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

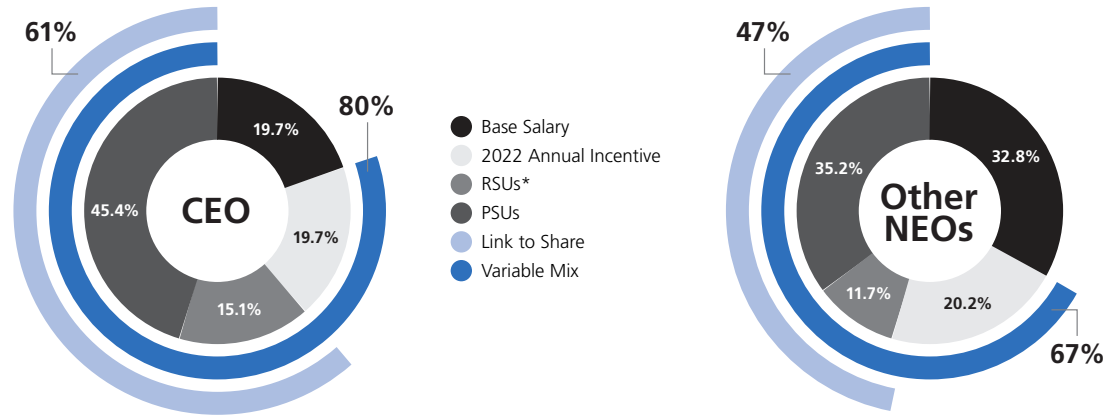
The Compensation Committee approves and implements a compensation program that incentivizes executives to achieve specific annual, long-term, and strategic goals aligning executives' interests with those of shareholders by rewarding performance that maintains and improves shareholder value. The Compensation Committee believes that the overall compensation of our executives should be weighted toward variable performance-based compensation.

A significant portion of compensation is linked with goals related to specific items of corporate performance that are likely to produce long-term shareholder and customer value.

Our executives are provided with an annual base salary to compensate them for services rendered during the year. The Compensation Committee reviews the base salary of all executive officers at least annually. The factors that influence the Compensation Committee’s decisions in setting the annual base salary for our executives include market data, job complexity, experience and breadth of knowledge in the utility and diversified energy industry. The Compensation Committee also considers each executive’s responsibilities, which may include electric and natural gas utility operations, as well as subsidiary operations, and recognizes that the Company operates in several states, which requires quality relationships and interaction with multiple regulatory agencies.

Avista’s executives are also provided with an annual Cash Incentive Plan designed to align the interests of our executives with those of our shareholders and customers through the achievement of financial and operational performance goals for the Company. The Cash Incentive Plan reflects these goals by having 55% of the total incentive opportunity tied to Consolidated Earnings Per Share, 40% tied to key components of utility operation and 5% tied to business development. Each metric is independent, which allows the Cash Incentive Plan to pay a portion of the award upon the attainment of one goal even if the other goals are not met.

The charts below show the portion of target compensation that is variable and, therefore, is “at risk” for our CEO and the average for our other NEOs. Variable compensation includes annual incentives, RSUs and performance shares. The charts also show the portion of target compensation for our CEO and the average target compensation for our other NEOs directly linked to share value, including RSUs and performance shares.



BOARD CONDUCT	BOARD INDEPENDENCE	BOARD DIVERSITY	<b>BOARD &amp; EXECUTIVE PERFORMANCE</b>	SHAREHOLDER ENGAGEMENT	OVERSIGHT & RISK MANAGEMENT
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The following chart shows the Cash Incentive Plan performance goals for each performance metric, the weighting of each metric, and the 2022 actual results of each metric.

METRIC	WEIGHTING	THRESHOLD	TARGET	EXCEEDS	ACTUAL	2022 RESULTS
<b>EARNINGS COMPONENTS</b>						
Consolidated Earnings per Share <sup>1</sup>	55%	\$1.93	\$2.03	Actual \$2.13	\$2.12	Met 165%
Business Development <sup>2</sup>	5%	N/A	>2 Milestones	N/A	1 Milestones	Partially Met 50%
<b>UTILITY OPERATIONS COMPONENTS</b>						
Cost per Customer <sup>3</sup>	20%	\$437.78	\$435.13	\$425.14	\$446.23	Not Met 0%
Customer Satisfaction Rating <sup>4</sup>	8%	N/A	90%	N/A	97%	Met 100%
Reliability Index <sup>5</sup>	8%	N/A	1.00	N/A	1.11	Met 100%
Response Time <sup>6</sup>	4%	N/A	<55	N/A	38	Met 100%

1. Payout can vary 0%–172% based on performance level, payout levels are interpolated on a straight-line basis for results between the threshold performance level and the maximum level.
2. Milestones include new business launches and business ideation processes. Payout is either 100% or 0% based on achievement of this objective.
3. The Operating and Maintenance (O&M) cost is directly related to maintaining reliable, cost-effective service levels. Payouts can vary 0%–150% based on performance level. Payout levels are interpolated on a straight-line basis for results between the threshold performance level and the maximum level.
4. This rating is derived from a Voice of the Customer survey conducted each quarter by an independent agency. The survey is used to track satisfaction levels of customers that have had recent contact with our call center or service center. This is a hit or miss target and the payout is either 100% or 0% based on achievement of objective.
5. This measure is derived from the combination of three indices that track average restoration time for sustained outages, average number of sustained outages per customer, and percent of customers experiencing more than three sustained outages during the year. This is a hit or miss target and the payout is either 100% or 0% based on achievement of objective.
6. This measures how quickly the Company responds to dispatched natural gas emergency calls. This is a hit or miss target and the payout is either 100% or 0% based on achievement of objective.

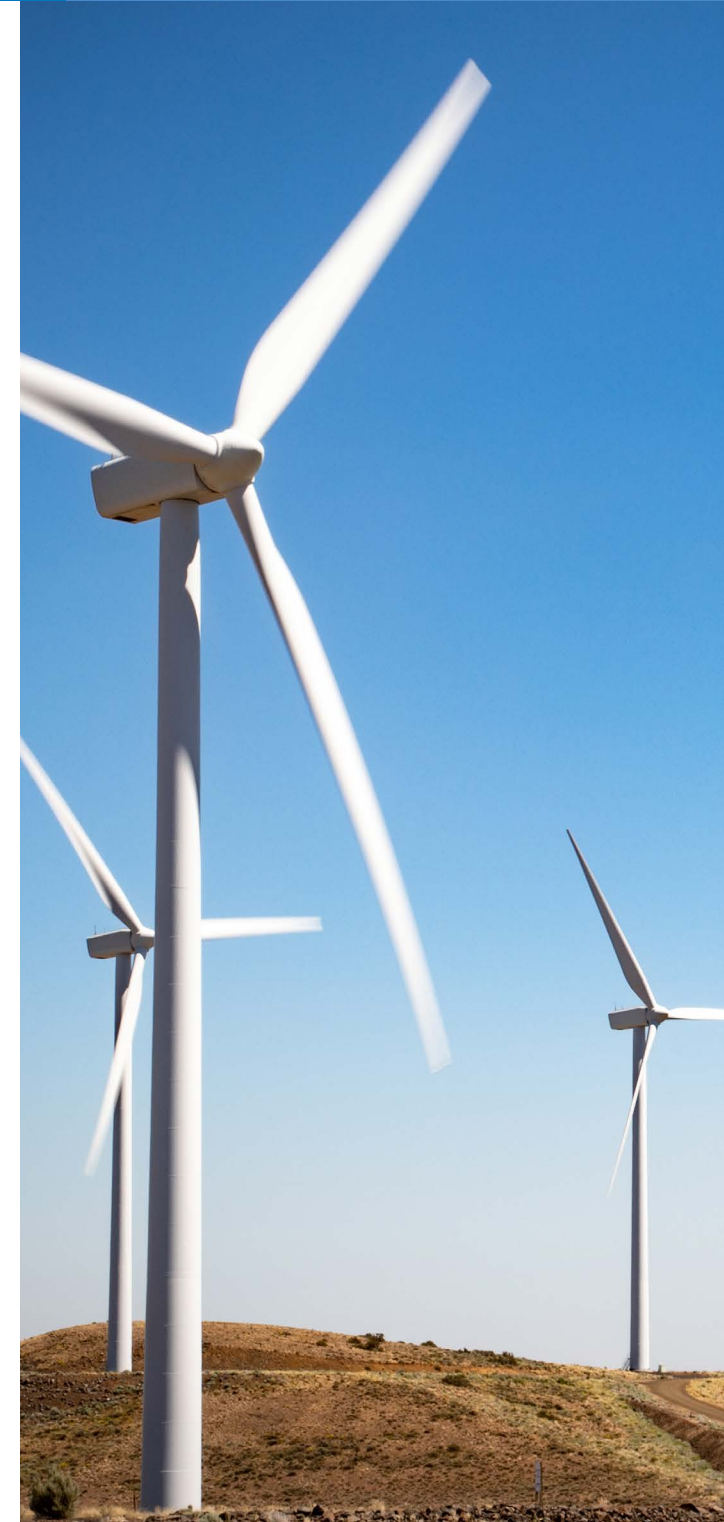
The Cash Incentive Plan's performance metrics are based on factors that are essential for the long-term success of the Company, and, except for the Consolidated Earnings Per Share and the metric tied to business development, are identical to performance metrics used in the Company's annual cash incentive plan for non-executive employees. The Compensation Committee believes that having similar metrics for both the Cash Incentive Plan and the non-executive plan encourages employees at all levels of the Company to focus on common objectives.

The Compensation Committee believes that equity-based compensation is the most effective way to create a long-term link between shareholder returns and the compensation provided to executives and other key management. This program encourages participants to focus on long-term Company performance and provides an opportunity for executive officers and designated key employees to increase ownership in the Company through grants of Company stock that can be earned based on either service or performance, over a three-year cycle. Using long-term performance awards and Restricted Stock Units, the Company can compensate executives for sustained increases in the Company's stock performance, as well as long-term growth relative to its peer group for the relevant cycle.

The Compensation Committee believes that the Company's compensation policies and practices do not create risks reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company. In establishing pay practices for the Company, the Compensation Committee's goal is to design a compensation structure that does not encourage inappropriate risk-taking by employees or

executive officers. The following features of the compensation structure reflect this approach:

- **Short and long-term incentive payments are capped**
- **Annual cash incentive design balances key performance metrics that are focused on financial results and system sustainability over time**
- **The total compensation program does not guarantee bonuses and has multiple financial and non-financial performance measures**
- **The Compensation Committee reviews both short-term and long-term financial scenarios to ensure the plan design does not encourage executives to take excessive risks but also does not discourage appropriate risks**
- **Stock ownership guidelines are in place to strengthen the alignment of the financial interests of executives with those of shareholders**
- **Directors and officers are prohibited from engaging in short-sales, zero-cost collars, forward sales contracts, pledging, hedging or otherwise offsetting any decrease in the market value of their Company shares**
- **The Company maintains formal recoupment (i.e., clawback) policies**



### UPDATED CASH INCENTIVE PLAN FOR 2023

Avista’s annual Cash Incentive Plan is designed to align the interests of our executives with those of our stakeholders through the achievement of financial and operational performance goals for the Company. The Cash Incentive Program was updated for 2023, and an Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity (EID) related performance metric was added. This EID metric targets the enhancement, creation, and/or implementation of programs that support the goals and strategies of the

Company’s **Equity, Inclusion and Diversity Strategic Plan** under five measurable action items. Four of the five actions must be satisfied for payout purposes:

- Ensure programs, systems and processes are designed to support all employees by eliminating barriers and providing equitable access and opportunities for growth.
- Strengthen employee engagement and workplace culture by measuring and implementing listen and learn activity insights.

- Enhance programs, systems and processes to increase diversity of candidate pools in pursuit of aspirational diversity goals by 2035.
- Implement strategies to deepen trust and inform our community engagement strategy, inclusive of EID efforts.
- Improve supply chain programs, systems and processes to increase diversity among vendors.

### SUMMARY OF 2023 AVISTA CASH INCENTIVE PLAN FOR EXECUTIVES\*

PERFORMANCE METRIC	ESG / CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY COMMITMENT ALIGNMENT:	WEIGHTING
New EID Metric: Enhance, create, and/or implement programs that support the goals and strategies of the Company’s Equity, Inclusion & Diversity Strategic Plan.	Our People—Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity Customers and Communities—Philanthropy Customers and Communities—Supply Chain Diversity	5%
Existing Cost Per Customer Metric: Operating and maintenance cost is directly related to maintaining reliable, cost-effective service levels.	Customers and Communities—Energy Affordability Customers and Communities—Reliable Service	20%
Existing Customer Satisfaction Rating Metric: Independent survey to track satisfaction levels of customers that have had recent contact with our call center or service center.	Customers and Communities—Customer Satisfaction	8%
Existing Reliability Index Metric: Tracks restoration time for sustained outages, sustained outages per customer, and percent of customers with more than three sustained outages during the year.	Customers and Communities—Reliable Service	8%
Existing Response Time Metric: Measures how quickly the Company responds to dispatched natural gas emergency calls	Customers and Communities—Public Safety	4%
Existing Consolidated Earnings Per Share Metric	Ethical Governance—Board and Executive Performance	55%

\* 2023 Cash Incentive Plan details and results will be presented in the Company’s 2024 Proxy.

## RECOUPMENT POLICIES

Avista’s Board of Directors has adopted a mandatory compensation recoupment policy (“Dodd-Frank Recovery Policy”) to comply with section 954 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010, subsequently adopted and required by the Security and Exchange Commission’s Exchange Act Rule 10D-1 and the New York Stock Exchange’s (NYSE) Section 303A.14 of the NYSE Manual. The Dodd-Frank Recovery Policy requires the Company to seek recoupment of incentive-based compensation paid to current or former Executive Officers if the Company is required to prepare an accounting restatement to correct errors that are material to those financial statements.

Further, the Board believes that it is in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders to also maintain a discretionary compensation recoupment policy (“Discretionary Recoupment Policy”) that provides authority to the Board to engage in recoupment of compensation beyond the required clawback provided for in the Dodd-Frank Recovery Policy. This discretionary policy extends to all employees of the Company and its subsidiaries. In the event any employee, including Executive Officers, is likely to cause or has caused financial, operational, or reputational harm to the Company, the Board may recover incentive compensation and take other disciplinary action including termination of employment.

## DIRECTOR EDUCATION

Our Governance and Corporate Responsibility Committee and management are responsible for director orientation programs. Orientation programs are designed to familiarize new directors with the Company’s business strategies and policies. The Governance and Corporate Responsibility Committee is also responsible for director continuing education. Continuing education programs for directors include a combination of internally developed materials and presentations and outside programs presented by third parties. Financial and administrative support is available to directors for attendance at academic or other independent programs.

## SUCCESSION PLANNING

Succession plans for our CEO and other officers are an important part of the Company’s long-term success, and the Company has in place a succession planning process that reflects the Company’s long-term business strategy. The Compensation Committee conducts an annual review of the succession plans for our CEO and other executives of the Company and receives quarterly updates on the plans. Our CEO and the Compensation Committee review those succession plans annually with the full Board. The succession plans reflect the Board’s belief that the Company should regularly identify internal candidates for the CEO and other executive positions and that it should develop those candidates for consideration when a transition is planned or necessary. Accordingly, management has identified internal candidates in various phases of development and has implemented development plans to assure the candidates’ readiness.

Those development plans identify the candidates’ strengths and developmental opportunities, and the Compensation Committee receives periodic updates and regularly reviews the candidates’ progress.

The Board has adopted a Contingency CEO Succession Plan to outline the procedures for the temporary appointment of an interim CEO to avoid a vacancy in leadership that may occur because of an absence event due to death, illness, disability, or sudden departure of our CEO.

**RATIO OF CEO PAY TO THE PAY OF  
OUR MEDIAN EMPLOYEE FOR 2022**

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**5** Ensuring that shareholders have an appropriate voice with respect to matters impacting the Company through outreach and engagement.

**SHAREHOLDER ENGAGEMENT**

We believe that our shareholders are vitally important for the Company to be able to execute on our vision to empower our customers to live their lives to the fullest. As such, we need to regularly engage with our shareholders and ensure that they have an appropriate voice with respect to matters impacting Avista. As an example of this commitment, we proactively adopted Proxy access for director nominees. Avista will continue to focus on our shareholder engagement practices to strengthen healthy dialogue and understanding between our corporate governance, business operations and performance and the expectations of our shareholders.

Another example of how we engage with our shareholders include our most recent Say on Pay advisory resolution. Shareholders expressed substantial support for our executive compensation, with 96.94% of the votes cast for the Say on Pay advisory resolution. We view this outcome as a signal of strong shareholder support for our executive compensation philosophy, policies and practices.

**2022 SAY ON PAY ADVISORY VOTE**

**96.94%**  
**FAVORABLE SUPPORT**

In addition to our smaller shareholder engagements and discussions occurring throughout the year, our Annual Meeting presents an opportunity to engage with all our shareholders. By having our directors stand for election each year (in uncontested elections, directors must be elected by majority of the votes cast), by seeking ratification of our selected independent registered public accounting firm, and by soliciting the Say on Pay advisory resolution, the Board has the opportunity to receive feedback through the voting results of our shareholders, and any other business or engagements that may be raised during the course of the Annual Meeting.

**DISCLOSURE PRACTICES**

Avista’s Corporate Responsibility initiative is yet another example of how our Company strives to ensure that our shareholders have an appropriate voice with respect to matters impacting the Company. In response to shareholder engagements and fielded questions concerning environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues and expectations associated with Avista, we launched our Corporate Responsibility initiative in 2020 intending to provide greater disclosure and transparency around these issues.

Furthermore, we sought to align additional ESG disclosures through widely adopted reporting frameworks that our shareholders supported, namely the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) and the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB). The Company also provides ESG disclosures in accordance with the Edison Electric Institute (EII) and American Gas Association (AGA) joint reporting template, which includes quantitative generation portfolio and emission data, employee health and safety information, and details on the Company’s use of water resources and handling of hazardous waste products. Access Avista’s TCFD, SASB, EII and AGA reporting frameworks on the home page of our [Corporate Responsibility](#) webpage.

As a publicly traded Company, we also report on material issues impacting the Company through a variety of disclosure mechanisms governed by the Securities and Exchange Commission, including our 10-K and Annual Report, quarterly 10-Q filings, and periodic 8-K filings. We also regularly issue press releases regarding issues of importance to our business. Shareholders and other interested parties may subscribe to receive email alerts of these disclosure mechanisms and the Company’s press release through our email alerts form on the [Avista Corporation](#) website.



## BOARD CONTACT INFORMATION

Shareholders and other interested parties may send correspondence to our Board or to any individual director including our Lead Director to our Corporate Secretary's office at 1411 East Mission Avenue, P.O. Box 3727 (MSC-10), Spokane, Washington 99220. Shareholders and other interested parties may also contact our Shareholder Services and Investor Relations group through our investor relations contact form on the [Avista Corporation](#) website, or through these channels:

### AVISTA CORP. SHAREHOLDER SERVICES AND INVESTOR RELATIONS

P.O. Box 3727 (MSC-19)  
Spokane, WA 99220-3727  
Phone: 509-495-4203

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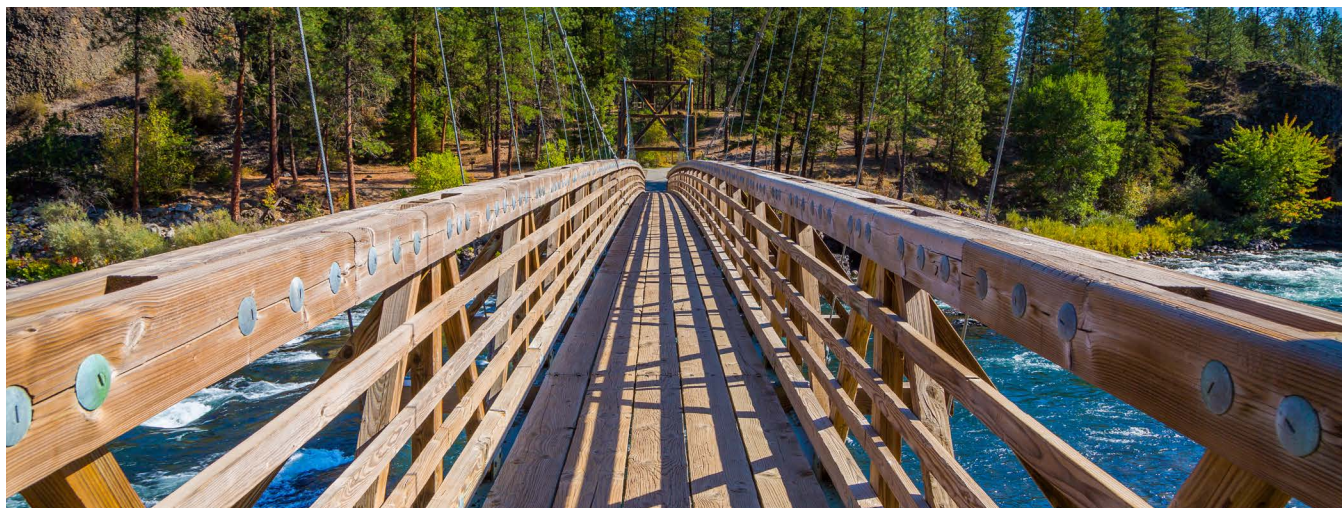
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## 70+ YEARS IN THE NYSE



In 2022, Avista CEO Dennis Vermillion and others from Avista rang the closing bell at the New York Stock Exchange to celebrate 70 years of being listed on the NYSE. Avista is among the top 10 percent of the longest listed members of the NYSE.



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**Maintaining transparency with respect to governance of the Company and the pursuit of its strategic goals.**

Avista’s commitment to Corporate Responsibility encompasses our broader approach to sustainability, stewardship, and corporate citizenship to build long term value for our stakeholders. We believe that executing good corporate governance is an essential component of this broader approach. And when it comes to our corporate governance, we need to ensure that we clearly communicate, explain and provide transparency in our disclosures for our stakeholders to clearly understand Avista’s strategic goals.

## BOARD OVERSIGHT

The business and the affairs of the Company are managed under the direction of our Board. As such, the Board gives the Company’s executive officers strategic direction and oversees their operation of the Company’s business and their conduct of its affairs, with a view to serving the best interests of the Company and its shareholders and other stakeholders.

The Board plays an active role in the identification of the major risks affecting the Company and the oversight of the Company’s risk management in pursuit of our strategic goals. The Board’s risk oversight process includes receiving reports from members of corporate management on areas of

material risk to the Company, including utility regulatory, operational, climate change, cyber and technology, strategic, external mandates, financial, energy commodity, and compliance risks. While the Board retains full responsibility for the general oversight of the management of all categories of risk, it has delegated to and allocated among its committees first oversight responsibility regarding specific categories of risk. The allocation of categories of risk to the respective committees is described in the [committee charters](#).

## ROLE OF MANAGEMENT

While our Board is responsible for risk oversight, Avista’s management team is responsible for the day-to-day management of risks including the appropriate Company officer reporting on risks to the appropriate Board committee or to the full Board. For example, quarterly, the Audit Committee is updated on key enterprise and other risk factors. Additionally, the Environmental, Technology and Operations (ETO) Committee reviews on a quarterly basis risks related to the Company’s operations and regularly reviews and discusses environmental and climate related risks and advises the full Board on any critical or emerging risks and/or related policies. And on an annual basis, the Audit Committee is also updated on the Company’s enterprise risk management program and processes.

When a committee receives a risk report from management, the chair of that committee reports to the full Board. This process facilitates the coordination of the oversight and management of the various categories of risk, particularly with respect to the interrelationships among various risks. Our Annual Report on Form 10-K contains

a detailed discussion of the material risks to the Company’s business and the Company’s efforts to manage them. The report can be found on the [Avista Corporation](#) website.





## RISK MANAGEMENT

Avista’s management team performs their risk management and mitigation related activities throughout the year. We have an enterprise risk management (ERM) process for managing risks throughout our organization facilitating the identification and measurement of various forms of risk that may affect the Company. Our risk management department facilitates the collection of risk information, providing senior management with a consolidated view of the Company’s major risks and risk mitigation measures. Each area of the Company identifies risks and implements the related mitigation measures.

The ERM process supports management in identifying, assessing, quantifying, managing and mitigating the risks. Despite all risk mitigation measures, however, risks are not eliminated. Our primary identified categories of risk exposure are utility regulatory, operational, climate change, cyber and technology, strategic, external mandates, financial, energy commodity, and compliance. We consider the management of these risks an integral part of managing our core businesses and a key element of our approach to corporate governance.

## CYBER AND TECHNOLOGY RISKS

Avista understands that a safe, reliable, and secure energy infrastructure is essential to the economies in the areas that we serve and our customer’s way of life and that intruders can use a variety of cyber and physical attacks to try and disrupt the delivery of safe, reliable, and energy. For a listing of cyber and technology risks facing the Company, please

refer to our current [Form 10-K](#). To manage these risks, Avista manages and maintains a security program. This security program provides the necessary policies, procedures, and funding to protect our natural gas and electric infrastructure as well as the Company’s sensitive customer, employee, operating, and financial information.

As part of this security program, we regularly engage with industry specific Information Sharing and Analysis Centers (ISAC) such as the Electric ISAC and the Downstream Natural Gas ISAC, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Homeland Security, the Transportation Security Administration and State Fusion Centers to understand and manage threats and vulnerabilities. Additionally, the Company employs a group of security personnel that monitors for intrusion and security events that may include a data breach or attacks on our operations. This group is also dedicated to securing, maintaining, evaluating, and developing our information technology systems.

The Company’s security program has also implemented mandatory security training to all employees on an annual basis. Topics include but are not limited to, cyber security, physical security and phishing emails. Ongoing security program outreach occurs on a quarterly basis to provide consistent messaging, best practices and information on current security-related threats. On a regular basis, targeting each month of the year, all employees receive simulated third-party phishing emails. The subsequent results of these simulated phishing exercises are tracked and reported to management and to the Environmental, Technology, and Operations Committee of the Board.

In addition, as part of the security program, there are independent third-party audits of our security controls. For example, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has certified the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) as the single Electric Reliability Organization authorized to establish and enforce reliability standards and delegate authority to regional entities for the purpose of establishing and enforcing reliability standards, including but not limited to cybersecurity measures. The FERC approves NERC Reliability Standards, including western region standards that make up the set of legally enforceable standards for the United States bulk electric system. We are required to self-certify our compliance with these standards on an annual basis and undergo regularly scheduled periodic reviews by the NERC and its regional entity, the Western Electricity Coordinating Council. Failure to comply with NERC reliability standards could result in substantial financial penalties. We have a robust internal compliance program in place to manage compliance activities and mitigate the risk of potential noncompliance with these standards.

The Chief Security Officer at Avista is responsible for the leadership and strategic advancement of the security program. Key issues and progress of the program are communicated through written and verbal reports quarterly to the ETO Committee and at least annually to senior leadership and the full Board.

The ETO Committee, comprised of independent directors, is charged by the Board with the responsibility to:

- **Oversee the development and implementation of programs, policies and procedures with respect to the Company's legal and regulatory compliance in the areas of; environment, generating facility licenses, employee safety, public safety, physical and cyber security, data governance, transmission and distribution reliability, and critical infrastructure protection.**
- Review management's process for assessing risks related to operational performance, safety, and security of the Company.
- Review scope, findings and trends from audits (Company-initiated or externally imposed) or external enforcement actions related to environmental, reliability, safety, and security matters.
- Review physical and cyber security threat assessments, emerging issues and related Company initiatives.



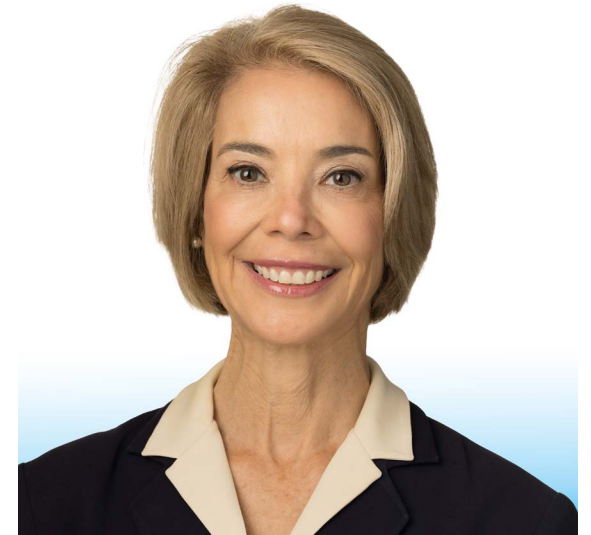
Avista has a cyber / information security risk insurance policy that covers both first and third-party damages in the event of an information security breach. As part of the Company's annual insurance policy renewal process, policy limits are reviewed and adjusted when necessary to achieve alignment with our existing exposures.

While we have not experienced an information security breach in the past three years, the energy sector, particularly electric and natural gas utility companies have become the subject of cyberattacks with increased frequency. Our administrative and operating networks are targeted by hackers on a regular basis. Additionally, the facilities and systems of clients, suppliers and third-party service providers could be vulnerable to the same cyber or terrorism risks as our facilities and systems and such third-party systems may be interconnected to our systems both physically and technologically. Therefore, an event caused by cyberattacks, ransomware or other malicious act at an interconnected third-party could impact our business and facilities similarly.



**CYBER SECURITY EXPERT**  
**JULIE A. BENTZ**  
DIRECTOR SINCE 2021

Major General (Retired) Bentz brings to the Board an extensive background in technology and security, both physical and cyber, as well as unique experience serving under three separate United States Presidents on security-related policy matters. Through her service on both the Finance Committee and the Environmental, Technology and Operations Committee, Ms. Bentz provides a unique and valuable perspective on a wide range of issues, including financial matters and investments, as well as issues involving climate change and clean energy transition, technology, and operational safety and security.



**CYBER SECURITY EXPERT**  
**REBECCA A. KLEIN**  
DIRECTOR SINCE 2010

Ms. Klein possesses a deep knowledge of the energy industry, energy markets and energy regulation, as well as legal expertise in energy and telecommunications and experience in technology and cybersecurity issues. She provides a unique diversity of background and perspective to the Board generally, but particularly in her role as chair of the Environmental, Technology & Operations Committee, Ms. Klein is able to provide critical leadership around the Company's business and operational risks, environmental activities and objectives, and its strategies relating physical and cyber security, technology and data governance.

## CLIMATE CHANGE RISKS

Long-term global climate change, and the potential impacts of such change could have a significant effect on our business. Our operations could be affected by changes in laws and regulations intended to mitigate the risk of, or alter, global climate changes, including restrictions on the operation of our power generation resources and obligations or limitations imposed on the sale of natural gas. Changing temperatures and precipitation, including snowpack conditions, affect the availability and timing of stream flows, which impact hydroelectric generation. Extreme weather events could increase fire risks, service interruptions, outages and maintenance costs. Changing temperatures could also change the magnitude and timing of customer demand.

Multiple departments at the Company work to mitigate risks related to climate change. Climate change adds uncertainty to existing risks that we have historically managed and mitigated. These efforts are reflected in electric and gas operations and investments in assets and asset reliability and resiliency across the Company’s operations. Our Energy Supply staff, as a regular course of business, monitor items such as snowpack and broader precipitation conditions, patterns and modeled or predicted climate change. These and other assessments are incorporated into our [Integrated Resource Planning](#) processes. Environmental Affairs, Governmental Affairs and other departments monitor policy and regulatory developments that may relate to climate change to engage these efforts constructively and prepare for compliance matters.

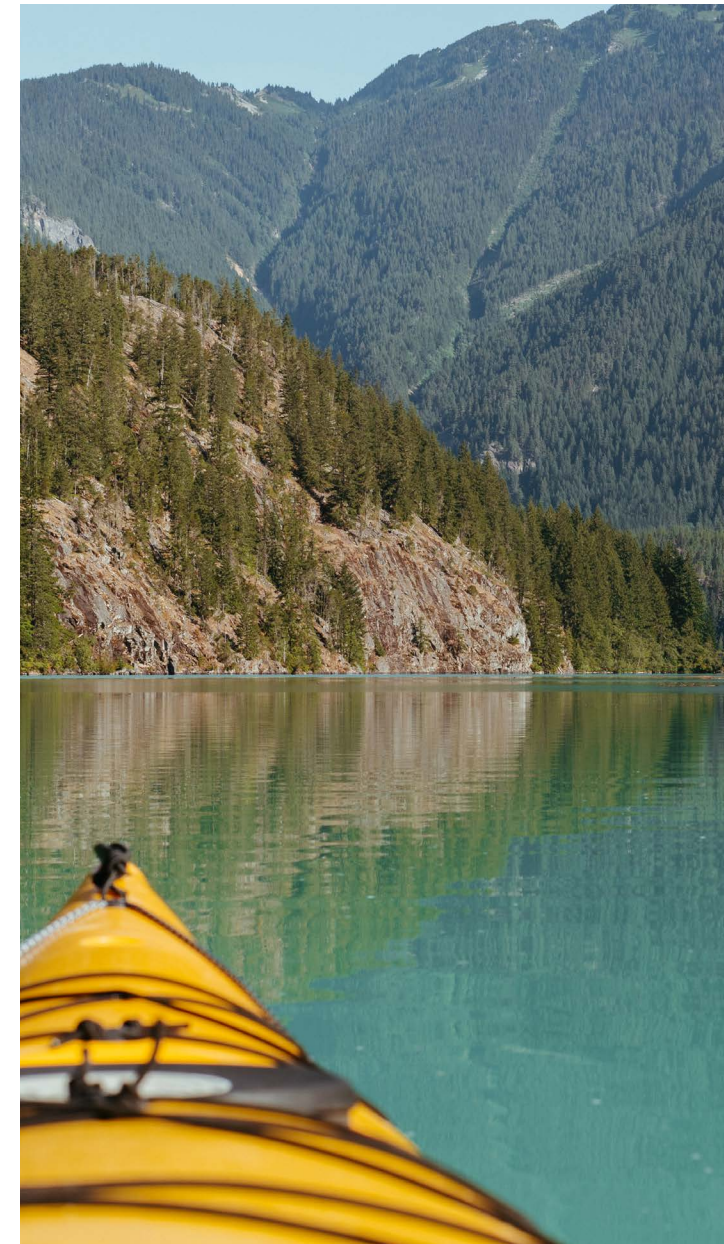
Our Perform Council is an interdisciplinary team of management and other employees of the Company which regularly meets to discuss, assess and manage potential risks and opportunities associated with long-term global climate change. Among other things, the Perform Council:

- **Facilitates internal and external communications regarding climate change and related issues**
- **Analyzes policy effects, anticipates opportunities and evaluates strategies for the Company**
- **Develops recommendations on climate-related policy positions and action plans**
- **Provides direction and oversight with respect to the Company’s clean energy goals**

In addition to the Perform Council, issues concerning climate-related risk and the Company’s clean energy goals are reviewed and regularly discussed by the Board of Directors. The Board’s ETO Committee regularly reviews and discusses environmental and climate related risks and advises the full Board on any critical or emerging risks and/or related policies. Likewise, the Audit Committee provides oversight of climate-related disclosures in the Company’s financial statements.

While the identification of global climate change related risks and opportunities are present and embedded in the Company’s ERM processes and Perform Council, a further analysis occurs through the Company’s implementation of the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD)

framework. For additional information concerning these risks and opportunities, please access Avista’s [TCFD framework disclosure](#).



# APPENDIX



# ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY



## OUR COMMITMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

For more than 130 years, Avista Corporation has been committed to providing clean, safe and reliable energy to those we serve. Our work empowers our customers and communities to live their lives to the fullest. Avista's environmental responsibility is as core to our business as the wires and pipes that deliver energy to our customers and communities. We are committed to conducting our business in ways that honor the integrity of the natural resources in the areas we serve.

These commitments apply equally to all Avista Corporation and its affiliates regardless of location or jurisdiction, including all employees, Company officers and members of our Board of Directors. In addition, our business partners—suppliers, contractors, consultants, agents and others working with or on behalf of Avista Corporation have the same obligation and responsibility to follow our commitment to environmental stewardship.

The Company's [Commitment to Corporate Responsibility](#) and [Code of Conduct](#) provide greater detail and examples of our commitment to environmental stewardship principles, including, but not limited to, the following principles:

- Protect and enhance the environment by conducting our business in ways that honor the integrity of the natural resources in the areas we serve.
- Design, build and operate our facilities to make efficient use of resources, promote sustainability, prevent pollution and avoid, reduce or mitigate environmental impacts.
- Foster an environmentally responsible approach to business planning, compliance, pollution prevention, emergency preparedness and response, natural and cultural resource protection and management, communication, employee training, community relations and continuous improvement.
- Establish environmental objectives, monitor our performance, and implement and improve our programs.
- Surpass environmental laws and regulations in practicing practical stewardship in the best interest of the environment and our communities.
- Engage and support these commitments to protecting human health and the environment throughout the course of our work.

## REPORTING AN ENVIRONMENTAL SPILL

Avista's Environmental Compliance group is on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week to respond immediately to environmental emergencies. In the case of an oil spill originating from any of our facilities, power lines or poles, we immediately implement emergency spill procedures. Employees and our business partners are required to report any environmental concerns or spills. Avista responds to all spills, regardless of size, location or oil type.

The Spill Phone is available 24/7: **509-998-0996**

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# ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

## OUR BUSINESS PARTNERS

We require that our business partners—suppliers, contractors, consultants, agents and others working with or on behalf of Avista Corporation share our same commitment to conducting business ethically, honestly and with mutual respect for the environment. Avista Corporation’s [Contractor Code of Conduct](#) provides details of these requirements including their obligations to provide goods and perform work in an environmentally responsible manner in compliance with all applicable environmental laws, regulations and Avista policies and procedures, including their requirement to report environmental concerns or spills.

## PROHIBITED CONDUCT

Any type of behavior prohibited by our commitments to environmental stewardship, Company policies or rules and practices will not be tolerated. Anyone determined to have violated these commitments or other policies will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment. Non-employees or contractors engaged in any of these behaviors on Avista’s premises will be removed from the property and reported to the proper authorities as deemed appropriate.

Avista will not tolerate retaliation against an employee who participated in a company investigation or reported harassment or discrimination. Retaliation may take on many forms including verbal abuse, threats, making derogatory comments, or spreading malicious gossip. Retaliation may also include firing, denial of a job, receiving negative performance feedback, or denial of some other employment benefit.

## QUESTIONS & CONTACTS

If you have questions about these environmental commitments or other Company policies, please contact your leader or a Human Resources Manager. If you have a concern or become aware of behavior that may not uphold our commitments to environmental stewardship or represent a violation of other Company policies, you must raise the issue promptly. If you are uncomfortable talking with your leader, you may raise your concern with [Human Resources](#), [Legal, Ethics & Compliance](#) or Avista’s Confidential Hotline.

## CONFIDENTIAL HOTLINE

Employees are encouraged to use the Confidential Hotline when uncomfortable working through the normal channels described above or as an anonymous way to raise concerns. The Confidential Hotline is available 24/7:

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# SAFETY AND WELL-BEING POLICY



## OUR COMMITMENT TO WORKPLACE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING

It is my most sincere wish that every person at Avista makes it home safe to their families and loved ones each day.

After all, aside from being employees, we are a mix of spouses, fathers, mothers, sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, and friends.

There is nothing more important to me than making sure Avista supports a workplace culture where our people are supported and encouraged to place safety and well-being as their top priority at work and on their own time.

While other companies may value productivity over safety and well-being, that is not a practice we encourage at Avista. Cutting corners can lead to serious injuries, and that's the last thing we want to happen.

We believe that every person at Avista is a vital part of our safety and well-being efforts, and we expect that each of you will continue to make sure safe work practices are a part of your everyday routine.

Whether that's using a spotter to back up a vehicle or taking extra time to commute to work, no employee will be punished or reprimanded for putting the safety and well-being of themselves or others first.

The strength of our safety practices at Avista depend on individual accountability, behavior, attitude and a willingness to speak up when a situation seems unsafe.

Our **Incident Prevention Manual** which details Avista's safety and well-being rules and practices is only useful if it is read and used to carry out work in a safe and responsible manner. If at any time you have a question about what's in the Incident Prevention Manual, you must speak up and bring your concerns and questions forward to a manager, a Safety Specialist, or any leader at Avista.

Just like every day brings forth a different challenge, every worksite, including an office environment, is different and requires careful inspection to identify potential hazards. By approaching the task at hand with a safety-first mindset, you're demonstrating the type of safety leadership and accountability we look for in all employees of Avista.

Thank you for your safety leadership and commitment to prioritizing safety and well-being above all else.

Sincerely,

**Dennis P. Vermillion**  
Chief Executive Officer, Avista Corporation

**SAFETY**  
for family. for work. for life.

# SAFETY AND WELL-BEING POLICY

## AUTHORIZATION TO STOP WORK

The safety of our employees is a top priority and Avista continually communicates the importance of creating safe work habits. It is vital for every employee to take personal responsibility for creating a safer work environment and show a demonstrated commitment to safety every second of every day. Our families, friends, coworkers, and the public expect nothing less.

Please take the time to work safely. Be mindful of our safety principles – rushing, frustration, fatigue, and complacency can cause or contribute to – eyes not on task, mind not on task, in the line of fire, losing balance/traction/grip – which increase the risk of injury. Our commitment, which is shared among our leadership team, is to make safety a priority in all operations. This means that emphasis will be placed on activities that support employee’s use of safety principles and rules; established for their protection.

Will you help contribute to a safer work environment? We need your commitment. As you set out to work each day, start out with a conscious intention of doing your work in a safe manner.

As a critical element of our priority on safety we have adopted the following “**Authorization to Stop Work**” which we will clearly post at all our work locations. All employees have the right to report to their supervisor, manager, Safety Department or Human Resources Department unsafe working situations without fear of reprisal. Please help foster a safety culture that achieves results through employee involvement. Your efforts are supported by the leadership at Avista who model and encourage these safe behaviors and are accountable for their achievement.

## AUTHORIZATION TO STOP WORK STATEMENT

As an employee at Avista I have been given the authority, without fear of reprimand or retaliation, to immediately stop and remove myself from any work activity that presents a danger to me, my co-workers or the public. It is my responsibility to get involved, question and rectify any situation that is identified as not being in compliance with safety policies and safe practices and to report any unsafe conditions or acts to supervision. I have the responsibility to question and challenge any work activity that involves a violation of established safety policy.



# SAFETY AND WELL-BEING POLICY

## POLICY PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

It is the policy of Avista to perform work in the safest manner possible, consistent with good work practices. To fulfill the requirements of this policy, an organized and effective safety and well-being program must be carried out at each location where work is performed.

Responsibility for the safety program is delegated to line supervision in accordance with the chain-of-command. Safety Specialists are staff assistants to management and in no way relieve supervisors of their responsibility and accountability for the safe completion of the work.

The objective of the safety and well-being program is to proactively reduce consequences of errors which in turn reduces injuries. An incident often results in a loss due to project disruption and delay, and may involve additional losses due to personal injury, illness, equipment damage, property or material damage, company reputation, or a combination thereof.

Other than "force majeure", incidents are preventable, and the result of causes related to unsafe and inefficient procedures or methods, unsafe physical conditions, unsafe equipment, unsafe personal acts and usually one or more of these factors in combination.

Since incidents usually result from the same deficiencies that adversely affect employees, quality, productivity, costs, and the public, the safety record is a reliable guide to the general effectiveness of our safety and well-being program. Furthermore, all supervisors have an obligation to employees and to the company, as well as a moral obligation, to provide the safest work environment possible.

The **Incident Prevention Manual** is written to ensure that Avista employees are aware of the safety and well-being rules and practices implemented within our organization and to ensure employee safety in all aspects of our work.

## SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY

We all must work together to proactively reduce error rates and reduce the consequences of errors. It is the responsibility of Avista to provide a safe and healthful workplace for our employees, subcontractors, vendors, and visitors.

The **Incident Prevention Manual** (IPM) shall apply to all organizations, facilities, and personnel within Avista, including all regular full-time, temporary, part-time, and student employees. In addition to the IPM, Avista and its employees are subject to various governmental agencies including federal, state, and local entities. The IPM is to be used in conjunction with all supplemental procedures and programs used in the conduct of work by all Avista employees.



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Questions or interpretations of rules, procedures, standards, or regulations shall be directed to the Safety and Well-being Department, which has the overall responsibility for the Incident Prevention Manual. The following programs are mentioned in the IPM but due to the length and/or complexity, they are stand-alone documents available through the Safety Department:

- Fall Protection Program
- Confined Space Program
- Extended Hours Guidelines
- Industrial Hygiene Programs
  - Lead Exposure Control Program
  - Asbestos Exposure Control Program
  - Silica Exposure Control Program
  - Hazard Communication Program
  - Medical Surveillance Program
  - Hearing Conservation Program
  - Respiratory Protection Program
  - Hearing Loss Prevention Program
- Insulating, Isolating, & EPZ Grounding Methods

## YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

Each employee is responsible and held accountable for complying with established safe work practices. Each employee has a right and is responsible for stopping any work that is considered unsafe. In each instance where a “Stop Work” is implemented, the chain-of-command as well as the safety department shall be notified immediately. Avista employees shall:

- Follow all safety rules.
- Report to work ready to perform assigned tasks by using established safe work practices with prescribed personal protective equipment (PPE).
- Comply with all safety instructions and manufacturer’s recommendations.
- Use the correct tool for each task. If knowledge or proficiency with the operation is questionable, ask before use.
- Be actively engaged in tailboard meetings and safety meetings (as required by job description).
- Report all unsafe actions and/or conditions immediately. Take appropriate action if something is observed that could cause immediate injury to a fellow worker.
- Report all incidents, close calls, and injuries immediately, regardless of severity.
- Complete Injury Accident Report Form for all injuries or incidents in which there is discomfort felt.



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## PROHIBITED CONDUCT

As a representative of Avista, all employees shall act in a professional manner and shall be courteous and considerate to the public and other employees.

Indulgence in horseplay, scuffling, and wrestling while on duty or when off duty on company property, or in company vehicles/equipment is forbidden. Employees must comply with Avista’s Workplace Anti-Violence Core Policy.

The use of intoxicants or illegal drugs while on duty is strictly prohibited. Prescription drugs shall be evaluated by Avista 1st Care Clinic to determine if they may negatively affect an employee’s ability to perform work safely. Employees must comply with Avista’s Fitness for Duty – Alcohol and Control Substances Core Policy.

## VIOLATIONS OF POLICY

Any type of behavior prohibited by this policy, the Incident Prevention Manual or related Avista safety and well-being rules and practices will not be tolerated. Anyone determined to have violated this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment. Non-employees or contractors engaged in any of these behaviors on Avista’s premises will be removed from the property and reported to the proper authorities as deemed appropriate.

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## QUESTIONS & CONTACTS

If you have questions about this policy or other Company policies, please contact your leader or a Human Resources Manager.

## CONFIDENTIAL MESSAGE HOTLINE

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# SAFETY AND WELL-BEING POLICY



## SAFETY INTENT STATEMENT

As an Avista safety leader, I am committed and responsible

for my safety and the safety of those around me. I am focused on the task at hand and recognize that no situation is routine. I am vigilant in maintaining my hazard awareness because something can always go wrong.

I am always learning and seeking safer ways to complete my work. I step in and speak up when I observe at-risk actions and welcome constructive feedback from others. I support others when they are doing it right.

All of my decisions focus on integrating safety into the work I do. I am well-trained and follow safe work practices in my job and in my life.

My family can rely on me to come home healthy and whole.



# HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY



## OUR COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS

For more than 130 years, Avista Corporation has been committed to providing clean, safe and reliable energy to those we serve. Our work empowers our customers and communities to live their lives to the fullest. We work hard to do what’s right for our stakeholders by putting those we serve at the center of everything we do. We remain committed to conducting business ethically, honestly and with mutual respect for the rights of all people.

Our commitment to preserve and respect the rights of all people are inclusive of those human rights principles articulated in the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. Avista Corporation’s Code of Conduct, Core Policies, other Company policies, business procedures and compliance with applicable laws and regulations underscore and demonstrate our commitment and respect for the rights of all people.

These commitments apply equally to all of Avista Corporation and its affiliates regardless of location or jurisdiction, including all employees, Company officers and members of our Board of Directors. In addition, our business partners—suppliers, contractors, consultants, agents and others working with or on behalf of Avista Corporation have the same obligation and responsibility to follow our commitment to human rights.

The Company’s [Code of Conduct](#) and [Commitment to Corporate Responsibility](#) provide greater detail and examples of our commitment to human rights principles, including, but not limited to, the following principles:

- Ensure a safe, secure, and healthy work environment so that every person at Avista makes it home safe to their families and loved ones each day.
- Cultivate a workplace of acceptance and mutual respect, valuing equity, inclusion, and diversity in all aspects of our operations.
- Uphold the rights of racial and ethnic diverse groups, women, and other protected groups’ rights in the workplace.
- Provide a work environment that is free from discrimination, harassment, and retaliation.
- Respect freedom of association and right to collectively bargain as prescribed in the National Labor Relations Act and outlined in the UN’s International Labour Organizations’ (‘ILO’) conventions 87 and 98.
- Uphold a safe, secure, and productive work environment that is free from aggressive, threatening, or violent acts.
- Ensure equal opportunity to qualified individuals in employment decisions and practices.
- Provide and encourage employee assistance programs, medical and mental health benefits and ongoing health and wellness education.
- Ensure fair wages for workers in compliance with all local labor and compensation laws.



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- Prohibit child labor<sup>1</sup>, forced labor and all forms of human trafficking.
- Cultivate respectful engagement and collaboration with our stakeholders.
- Partner with local communities and non-profit agencies to promote economic development, philanthropic efforts and other support services.
- Provide formal grievance reporting mechanisms free from retaliation for concerns related to human rights or violations of law or Company policy.

## OUR BUSINESS PARTNERS

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## PROHIBITED CONDUCT

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## QUESTIONS & CONTACTS

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<sup>1</sup> In 2022, Avista launched a Craft Student Pilot Program for high school seniors to work part-time earning high school credit, work experience and industry credentials. This program was designed to meet local, state and federal labor, wage and hour rules.



# EEO-1 DIVERSITY REPORT

<b>U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION (EEOC) 2022 EMPLOYER INFORMATION REPORT (EEO-1 COMPONENT 1)</b>										<i>EEOC Standard Form 100 (SF 100) Revised 08/2023 OMB Control Number: 3046-0049 Expiration Date: 08/31/2024</i>						
<b>SECTION A – TYPE OF REPORT</b> CONSOLIDATED REPORT																
<b>SECTION B – EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION</b>																
OFS COMPANY ID 0408036					EMPLOYER NAME AVISTA CORP											
ADDRESS 1411 EAST MISSION AVENUE										CITY/TOWN SPOKANE			STATE WA		ZIP CODE 99202	
<b>SECTION C – HEADQUARTERS OR ESTABLISHMENT-LEVEL IDENTIFICATION (if applicable)</b>																
HQ/ESTABLISHMENT-LEVEL UNIT ID					HEADQUARTERS OR ESTABLISHMENT-LEVEL NAME											
HEADQUARTERS OR ESTABLISHMENT-LEVEL ADDRESS										CITY/TOWN			STATE		ZIP CODE	
<b>SECTION D – EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN)</b> 910462470																
<b>SECTION E – EMPLOYER FILING ELIGIBILITY</b>																
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES (Employer Is Eligible to File) <input type="checkbox"/> NO (Employer Is Not Eligible to File) <input type="checkbox"/> EMPLOYER NO LONGER IN BUSINESS																
<b>SECTION F – FEDERAL CONTRACTOR DESIGNATION (if applicable)</b>																
Unique Entity ID (UEI): J112N852GTT3 <input type="checkbox"/> YES (Single-Establishment Employer is Federal Contractor) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES (Multi-Establishment Employer is Federal Contractor) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES (Headquarters is Federal Contractor) <input type="checkbox"/> YES (Non-Headquarters Establishment is Federal Contractor) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES (One or More Non-Headquarters Establishments is Federal Contractor)																
<b>SECTION G – NAICS INFORMATION: 221111 - Hydroelectric Power Generation</b>																
<b>SECTION H – WORKFORCE DEMOGRAPHIC DATA</b>																
JOB CATEGORIES	Race/Ethnicity														Row Total	
	Hispanic or Latino		Not Hispanic or Latino													
	Male	Female	Male						Female							
	Male	Female	White	Black or African American	Asian	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	American Indian or Alaska Native	Two or More Races	White	Black or African American	Asian	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	American Indian or Alaska Native	Two or More Races		
Executive/Sr Level Officials and Managers	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	21	
First/Mid-Level Officials and Managers	2	2	119	1	1	0	0	2	51	0	2	0	2	0	182	
Professionals	9	8	353	3	10	2	0	10	194	1	8	0	3	8	609	
Technicians	4	3	98	0	2	0	1	0	62	1	2	1	2	1	177	
Sales Workers	1	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	14	
Administrative Support Workers	7	9	38	4	0	0	1	0	144	2	5	0	3	6	219	
Craft Workers	7	0	464	0	3	0	7	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	499	
Operatives	2	0	102	0	0	0	1	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	111	
Laborers and Helpers	4	0	57	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	65	
Service Workers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>CURRENT 2022 REPORTING YEAR TOTAL</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1255</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1897</b>	
<b>PRIOR 2021 REPORTING YEAR TOTAL</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1241</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1867</b>	
<b>SECTION I – WORKFORCE SNAPSHOT PERIOD:</b> 12/15/2022 - 12/31/2022																
<b>SECTION J – HEADQUARTERS OR ESTABLISHMENT-LEVEL COMMENTS (optional):</b> Not Applicable																

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<b>SECTION K – OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION OF SUBMISSION</b>			
<b>EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION</b>			
OFS COMPANY ID 0408036	EMPLOYER NAME AVISTA CORP		
ADDRESS 1411 EAST MISSION AVENUE	CITY/TOWN SPOKANE	STATE WA	ZIP CODE 99202
<b>CERTIFICATION COMMENTS (optional)</b>			
No Certification Comments Provided			
<b>CERTIFICATION STATEMENT</b>			
<i>"I certify that the information, including any workforce demographic data, provided in this report is correct and true to the best of my knowledge and was prepared in conformity with the directions set forth in the form and accompanying instructions."</i>			
<b>Knowingly and willfully false statements on this report are punishable by law, US Code, Title 18, Section 1001.</b>			
<b>DATE OF CERTIFICATION</b>			
11/9/2023 1:10 PM [EST]			
<b>EMPLOYER'S CERTIFYING OFFICIAL</b>			
Name of Employer's Certifying Official Sarah Letsch	Title of Certifying Official Manager, Recruiting & HR Compliance		
Email Address of Certifying Official sarah.letsch@avistacorp.com	Telephone Number of Certifying Official 509-495-4986		
<b>PRIMARY POINT OF CONTACT (POC) FOR EEO-1 COMPONENT 1 REPORTING</b>			
Name of Primary POC Alexia Saad	Title and Employer of Primary POC Associate Recruiter		
Email Address of Primary POC alexia.saad@avistacorp.com	Telephone Number of Primary POC 509-495-7664		



## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENT

This report contains forward-looking statements, including statements regarding our current expectations, plans or objectives for future operations and other factors, which may affect the Company in the future. Such statements are subject to a variety of risks, uncertainties and other factors, most of which are beyond our control and many of which could have significant impact on our operations, results of operations, financial condition or cash flows and could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated in our statements.

For a further discussion of these factors and other important factors please refer to our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, or Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Those reports are also available on our website at [www.avistacorp.com](http://www.avistacorp.com). The forward-looking statements contained in this report is current as of December 1, 2023, and should not be relied upon as being current as of any subsequent date.

We undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statement or statements to reflect events or circumstances that occur after the date on which such statement is made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. New risks, uncertainties and other factors emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for management to predict all of such factors, nor can it assess the impact of each such factor on our business or the extent to which any such factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement.