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Mark L. Johnson, Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
P. O. Box 47250
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RE: Avista Corporation's Petition for Orders authorizing deferred accounting treatment related to the net book value of the company's existing electric meters, Docket UE-160100 and deferred accounting treatment related to the net book value of the company's existing gas communicating modules, Dockets UE-170327 and UG-170328 – Notice of Retired Electric Meters and Natural Gas ERTs (Communicating Modules) Annual Report 2020, submitted by Avista Corporation.

Dockets UE-160100, UE-170327 and UG-170328

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On March 15, 2016, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered Order 01 Granting Amended Accounting Petition Subject to Conditions in Docket UE-160100 (Order 01). Order 01, among other things, required Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities (Avista or Company) to file with the Commission an annual report by January 31 of each year, beginning January 31, 2017, documenting the actual number of meters retired in the previous calendar year and the net book value of those meters at the time of retirement.¹

On September 14, 2017, the Commission entered Order 01 Granting Amended Petition Docket UE-170327 and UG-170328 (Order 01). Order 01, among other things, granted deferred accounting treatment of the Company's existing gas communicating modules consistent with the treatment granted for the Company's existing electric meters. Thus, Avista's required annual reporting mentioned above must include the actual number of gas communicating modules retired in the previous calendar year and the net book value of those gas communicating modules at the time of retirement.²

¹ Order 01, Order Granting Amended Accounting Petition Subject to Conditions, In the Matter of the Petition of Avista Corp., Docket UE-160100, ¶ 19 (March 15, 2016).

² Order 01, Order Granting Amended Petition, In the Matter of the Petition of Avista Corp., Dockets UE-170327 and UG-170328, ¶ 13 (September 14, 2017).

On January 29, 2021, Avista filed with the Commission its Retired Electric Meters and Natural Gas Meter ERTs 2020 annual report (Report). The Company's Report provides the required reporting values related to the number of units retired and the net book value at the time of retirement. The following table provides the required reported values:

Description	Units Retired	Net Book Value Deferred
Existing Electric Meters	146,228	\$11,162,635.74
Existing Gas Communicating Modules (ERTs)	26,849	\$ 1,449,123.17

Commission Staff (Staff) reviewed the compliance filing provided by Avista dated January 29, 2021, and finds that it contains sufficient detail with respect to actual number of electric meters and gas communicating modules retired in calendar year 2020 and the net book value of those electric meters and gas communicating modules at the time of retirement. Therefore, Staff believes that the filing complies with the Commission's Order 01, entered March 15, 2016, in Docket UE-160100, and Order 01, entered September 14, 2017, Dockets UE-170327 and UG-170328.

Sincerely,

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