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January 22, 2020

Mark L. Johnson
Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
Lacey, WA 98503

Re: Avista Compliance – Docket No. UE-160100 and Dockets No. UE-170327 & UG-170328

Dear Mr. Johnson:

In compliance with Order 01 of Docket No. UE-160100, and Order 01 of Docket Nos. UE-170327 & UG-170328, Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities (“Avista” or “Company”), hereby submits for electronic filing with the Commission its annual report on retired electric meters and natural gas meter Encoder Receiver Transmitters (“ERTS”) for the calendar year 2019. This report is intended to comply with the requirements outlined below:

Order 01 in Docket UE-160100:

- (2) Avista Corporation must 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.

Order 01 in Dockets UE-170327 and UG-170328:¹

- (13) The Commission approved the Company’s request for like treatment of its natural gas communicating modules (Encoder Receiver Transmitters or ERTs), consistent with the treatment previously approved for retirement of the Company’s electric meters.

¹ Order 01 in Dockets UE-170327 & UG-170328, For An Accounting Order Authorizing Deferred Accounting Treatment related to Advanced Metering Infrastructure and Approval of Depreciation Rate, September 14, 2017.

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Throughout the 2019 calendar year, Avista continued its deployment of Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) for its electric and natural gas customers in Washington. As the full-scale deployment of advanced electric meters and natural gas modules initiated and continued throughout the year, the Company retired approximately 140,226 existing electric meters and 34,573 natural gas meter ERTs, for an associated total net book value of \$9,727,331.21 and \$1,834,390.62, respectively. Avista will continue to track these retirements and their values for the duration of its AMI deployment and will again report this data to the Commission no later than January 31, 2021.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Jaime Majure at 509-495-7839 or myself at 509-495-4975.

Sincerely,

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