BEFORE THE WASHINGTON

UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

| WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND |) | DOCKETS UE-190334 AND |
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| TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, |) | UG-190335 (Consolidated) |
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| Complainant, |) | |
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| V. |) | PETITION TO INTERVENE OF THE |
| |) | NW ENERGY COALITION |
| AVISTA CORPORATION, d/b/a |) | |
| AVISTA UTILITIES, |) | |
| |) | |
| Respondent. |) | |

- 1. Pursuant to Washington Administrative Code ("WAC") § 480-07-355, the NW Energy Coalition ("NWEC") petitions the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (the "Commission") to intervene with full party status as described in WAC § 480-07-340. The administrative rules at issue are WAC §§ 480-07-340 and 480-07-355. As required in WAC § 480-07-355, NWEC states as follows:
- 2. The name and address of NWEC is:

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3. NWEC will be represented in this proceeding by Sanger Thompson, PC. All documents relating to these proceedings should be served on the following persons at the addresses listed below:

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- 4. NWEC is a non-profit organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. NWEC's primary purpose is to promote an energy future that is clean, reliable, affordable, and equitable. NWEC provides technical and policy leadership on energy issues in this region, and seeks to promote the development of renewable energy, energy conservation, and affordable energy services. Due to its historic and ongoing work with utility companies and others to achieve these goals, NWEC possesses a substantial interest in the outcome of this proceeding.
- 5. NWEC has a special interest in this proceeding for the following reasons, including but not limited to: 1) members of NWEC have a direct and substantial interest in Avista's request for a rate change, including its two-year rate plan; 2) the proposed rate change and plan could impact Avista's performance related to clean energy implementation; 3) the proposed rate change and plan could impact issues related to Avista's interest in the Colstrip coal-fired power plant in Montana; and 4) the proposed rate change and plan could impact issues related to energy efficiency assistance and other affordability issues for low and moderate income customers. In each of these areas NWEC intends to focus its participation on examining whether Avista's filing is fair, just,

reasonable and sufficient, and has not yet taken positions with respect to the matters in controversy. NWEC intends to examine these and other issues in this proceeding.

- 6. NWEC offers this process considerable expertise in the areas of resource planning, industry structure, and economic and policy analysis. NWEC has participated in numerous rate cases, mergers, resource planning, and other similar proceedings in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana.
- 7. The NWEC has no intention of unreasonably broadening the issues, burdening the record, or delaying the proceeding through their intervention.

Dated this 20th day of May, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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