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Via: UTC Web Portal

Mark L. Johnson
Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S. W.
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Re: Docket No. UE-152076 - Avista Utilities 2016-2017 Biennial Conservation Report (BCR) and 2017 Annual Conservation Report (ACR)

Dear Mr. Johnson,

On June 1, 2018, Avista Corporation submitted its “2017 Annual Conservation Report (ACR)” in compliance with RCW 19.285 and WAC 480-109-120 (3), and its “2016-2017 Biennial Conservation Report (BCR)”, in compliance with RCW 19.285 and WAC 480-109-120 (4), as an Appendix.

After receiving guidance from Commission Staff, the Company respectfully submits a revision to Appendix A, “2016-2017 Biennial Conservation Report (BCR)”. The revision contains minor adjustments to the report for accuracy in information and includes a table requested by Staff summarizing the 2016-2017 conservation achievements by sector. The revision also corrects a misstatement in the overall I-937 conservation savings achieved in the 2016-2017 biennium.

The Company inadvertently included four non-residential fuel conversion projects totaling 1,881 MWh of savings in its 141,331 MWh I-937 conservation savings. The revised conservation achievement for the 2016-2017 biennial period now totals 139,450 MWh for the overall portfolio and 78,855 MWh for the non-residential sector.

The impact of this change is a 1.3% reduction in the overall savings achieved and does not have a material effect on the resulting information contained in the “2016-2017 Electric Impact Evaluation”, submitted as Appendix C to the June 1, 2018 filing. Therefore, the Company did not require Nexant, Inc., in partnership with Research Into Action, (the Nexant Team)—the Company’s external evaluator retained to independently measure and verify the portfolio energy savings for the 2016-2017 biennium period—to undertake the labor-intensive process of updating its Report. Avista requests this updated information be a sufficient supplement to Appendix C.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Dan Johnson, Director of Energy Efficiency at 509-495-2807 or Jaime Majure at 509-495-7839.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat Ehrbar". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "P".

Pat Ehrbar
Director of Regulatory Affairs

cc : Advisory Group
Enclosures