BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of

Avista Corporation, d/b/a Avista Utilities

For an Order Authorizing Deferred Accounting Treatment related to the Undepreciated Net Book Value of the Company's Existing Electric Meters **DOCKET UE-160100**

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Pursuant to WAC 480-07-385, Commission Staff ("Staff") moves for an extension of time to file an answer to Avista Corporation's ("Company") Petition for deferred accounting treatment of the Company's existing meters.

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Staff is and has been working diligently to analyze Avista's filing and the representations made therein, and will need additional time to respond. The requested extension will also allow Avista and Staff to discuss and perhaps resolve the issues presented. For this purpose, Staff and the Company will be meeting on February 10, 2016. Further, Staff is also examining the option of presenting this matter to the Commission at one of the Open Meetings now scheduled in March of 2016. Should this occur, Staff will need the additional time to prepare the necessary materials.

DATED this 5th day of February 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

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