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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

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Attention: Mr. Steven King, Executive Director and Secretary

**RE: UE-160228 and UG-160229 (Answer of Avista Corporation to Staff Motion to Strike)**

Avista Corporation (“the Company”) hereby encloses for filing an original and 6 copies of its “Answer of Avista Corporation to Staff Motion to Strike” in the above referenced Dockets. Questions regarding this filing should be directed to Liz Andrews at (509) 495-8601.

Sincerely,

David J. Meyer

Vice President and Chief Counsel for

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cc: See attached service list