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RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Avista Corporation, d/b/a Avista Utilities*, Docket UE-170485

TO ALL PARTIES:

On April 26, 2018, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered Order 07, Final Order Rejecting Tariff Sheets, Approving Partial Settlement, and Directing Company to File Tariff Sheets in Compliance with this Order (Order 07). Among other things, Order 07 directed Avista Corporation (Avista or Company) to form a plan to gradually transfer the funding obligation for its fuel conversion program from the electric conservation rider to the natural gas conservation rider by December 31, 2019. Avista was directed to form the plan in cooperation to with Commission staff (Staff) and the conservation advisory group, and file it within six months of the entry of Order 07.

On October 26, 2018, Avista filed its plan to transfer funding away from the electric conservation rider (Fuel Conversion Plan). On November 15, Staff filed a letter informing the Commission that Staff had reviewed the Fuel Conversion Plan and believes that it complies with the requirements of Order 07, inasmuch as the funding obligation is removed from the electric conservation rider, but noted that the Company and the advisory group failed to find an operable funding structure for the fuel conversion program going forward.

The Commission has reviewed the Fuel Conversion Plan, and agrees that it complies with the requirement in Order 07 to file such a plan. The Commission encourages Avista to continue to work with the advisory group on creating a sustainable low income fuel conversion program.

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