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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
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Attention: Mr. Steven King, Executive Director and Secretary

**RE: Docket No. UE-170327 and UG-170328**

Avista Corporation's Accounting Petition for an Order Authorizing Deferred Accounting Treatment related to the Company's Investment in Advanced Metering Infrastructure and Approval of Depreciation Rate

Dear Mr. King,

On May 1, 2017, Avista filed an Accounting Petition for an Order Authorizing Deferred Accounting Treatment related to the Company's Investment in Advanced Metering Infrastructure and Approval of Depreciation Rate. The Company requests that no action be taken on the Petition until at least the July 27, 2017 Commission Open Meeting, thereby allowing additional time for Staff to review the Petition and confer with the Company about possible modifications or alternative proposals. Further delays for presentation to the Commission beyond July 27, 2017 may be requested by the Company, if substantial progress is being made toward resolving any differences.

Moreover, the Company would request that the May 23, 2017 date for any response to the Company's Petition be likewise extended until at least July 20, 2017, and possibly later if revisions to the Petition are subsequently filed by the Company, based on continuing discussions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Meyer", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

David Meyer  
Vice President and Chief Counsel for  
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cc: Commission Staff (Tom Schooley, Chris Casey)  
Public Counsel (Lisa Gafken)  
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Northwest Industrial Gas Users (Ed Finklea, Chad Stokes)  
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