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Mark L. Johnson
Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
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RE: UE-200301 - Avista Utilities 2021 Electric IRP Update

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On March 31, 2021, Avista Corporation d/b/a/ Avista Utilities (Avista or the Company), filed its 2021 Electric Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). Within the IRP the Company noted that it issued a request for proposals (RFP) to acquire up to 120 aMW of clean energy in the summer of 2020 and the outcome of the RFP may necessitate an update of the IRP. On March 24, 2021, just prior to filing the 2021 Electric IRP, Avista signed a 10-year contract with Chelan PUD for a 5 percent (slice) of its Rocky Reach and Rock Island hydro facilities. Energy deliveries will begin January 1, 2024 at a fixed price over the contract term. The new Chelan PUD hydro slice adds approximately 51 aMW under average water conditions and 88 MW of nameplate capacity. Avista estimates the contract will decrease its system peak planning requirements by 53 MW, serving both Idaho and Washington jurisdictions.

As a result of the new resource acquisition there were impacts on resource selection, cost, and emissions relative to the 2021 IRP's Preferred Resource Strategy and Clean Energy Action Plan. Because of these impacts the Company hereby submits for filing with the Commission an updated Preferred Resource Strategy and Clean Energy Action Plan to its 2021 Electric IRP. Supporting documents can be found on our website at <https://myavista.com/about-us/integrated-resource-planning>.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact James Gall at 509-495-2189 or John Lyons at 509-495-8515.

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