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Steven V. King
Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW
P. O. Box 47250
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

Re: *Avista Corporation, d/b/a Avista Utilities for an Order Authorizing Deferred Accounting Treatment related to the Company's Investment in Advanced Metering Infrastructure and Approval of Depreciation Rate,*
Dockets UE-170327/UG-170328

Dear Mr. King:

On May 19, 2017, Avista requested certain extensions relating to its Accounting Petition for an Order Authorizing Deferred Accounting Treatment related to the Company's Investment in Advanced Metering Infrastructure and Approval of Depreciation Rate. Responses to Avista's accounting petition are due under WAC 480-07-370(4)(b) no later than three business days before the open meeting at which the Commission considers the petition. Public Counsel supports Avista's request to allow time to review the petition and allow parties to confer. Public Counsel has not yet been involved in discussions regarding these dockets, but is very interested in the issues presented. We look forward to engaging with parties.

Enclosed for filing is the original Notice of Appearance on behalf of Public Counsel, and the Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,

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