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Mark L. Johnson Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission 621 Woodland Square Loop SE Lacey, WA 98503

Re: Docket No. UE-190760 - Carbon and Electricity Markets Stakeholder Work Group - Nomination and Comments of Avista Utilities

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities (Avista or Company), submits the following comments in accordance with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission's ("Commission") Notice of Opportunity to Submit Nominations and File Written Comments ("Notice") issued in Docket UE-190760 on October 28, 2019 regarding the Commission's Carbon and Electricity Markets Stakeholder Work Group ("MWG").

Pursuant to the Notice, Avista nominates Scott Kinney, Director of Power Supply at Avista Corporation. Mr. Kinney has been the Director of Power Supply at Avista for the past seven years, which includes real-time and term trading, resource optimization, resource contracting and integrated resource planning. Mr. Kinney received his Electrical Engineering degree from Gonzaga University, started his career working at the Bonneville Power Administration from 1991-1999 and has worked with Avista for over 20 years. He has also held several senior technical and leadership positions in Transmission and Distribution Planning and System Operations at Avista and has a broad background and experience base in electric system planning, operations and markets.

Mr. Kinney has been involved in multiple organized market development efforts dating back to the Regional Transmission Organization for the West and more recently the Northwest Market Coordination effort to evaluate the formation of an Energy Imbalance Market ("EIM") in the northwest. He is actively engaged in California Independent System Operator ("CAISO") EIM initiatives and the newly formed CAISO Enhanced Day Ahead Market stakeholder process. In addition, Mr. Kinney has chaired both the Western Electricity Coordinating Council and Northwest Power Pool operations committees. Mr. Kinney's contact information is below.

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The Notice also requests proposals for educational topics and presenters that will be helpful in educating the MWG in regards to specific connection to the issues that must be resolved under RCW 19.405.130. Several states currently operate in an electricity emission based reduction program. To help educate the members of the joint Carbon and Electricity Markets Stakeholder Work Group it would be helpful to have members of the emission based programs and the associated market operators present on how the programs account for and track emissions and the potential impacts to market efficiency. Avista proposes presenters include the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative ("RGGI") and the New England ISO and PJM, and the California Air Resources Board ("CARB") and the CAISO.

Avista appreciates the opportunity to nominate Mr. Kinney to serve as a member of the MWG and looks forward to collaborating with Commission Staff and interested stakeholders and participating in the MWG. Please direct any questions regarding these comments to me at 509-495-2098 or Jennifer.smith@avistacorp.com.

Sincerely

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