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November 13, 2017

Steven V. King, Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW
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RE: *Petition of Avista Corporation for an Accounting Order Authorizing the Deferral of Costs Related to Offering a Fee-Free Credit and Debit Card Payment Program for the Company's Residential Customers, Dockets No. UE-160071 and UG-160072 –Avista Utilities Q3 2017 Fee-Free Payment Program Report*

Dear Mr. King:

Commission Staff has reviewed the compliance filing of Avista Corporation dated October 31, 2017, titled *Avista Utilities Q3 2017 Fee-Free Payment Program Report*. This report provides updates to the Commission about the program's progress through the third quarter of 2017. Subsequent reports are due quarterly.

Staff believes that the filing complies fully with the Commission's Order 01, entered March 24, 2016.

Sincerely,

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