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Steven V. King

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Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission

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Re: Avista Utilities Smart Grid Technology Report

Dear Mr. King,

In compliance with WAC 480-100-505(3)(a), is an electronic copy of Avista Corporation’s d/b/a Avista Utilities (“Avista” or “Company”) 2016 Smart Grid Technology Report. An original is being provided via overnight mail, as well as three (3) additional copies for distribution to the Commissioners.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at 509-495-4975 or at linda.gervais@avistacorp.com.

Sincerely,

/s/Linda Gervais/

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