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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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Attention: Mr. Steven King, Executive Director and Secretary

RE: Docket Nos. UE-170327 and UG-170328

Avista Corporation's Accounting Petition for an Order Authorizing Deferred Accounting Treatment related to the Company's Investment in Advanced Metering Infrastructure and Approval of Depreciation Rate (Request for Delay in Commission Action on Petition)

Dear Mr. King,

On May 1, 2017, Avista filed an Accounting Petition for an Order Authorizing Deferred Accounting Treatment related to the Company's Investment in Advanced Metering Infrastructure and Approval of Depreciation Rate. On May 19, 2017, the Company requested that no action be taken on the Petition until at least the July 27, 2017 Commission Open Meeting, thereby allowing additional time for Staff to review the Petition and confer with the Company about possible modifications or alternative proposals. In addition, the Company indicated that further delays for presentation to the Commission beyond July 27, 2017 may be requested by the Company, if progress can be made toward resolving any differences.

The Company requests that no action be taken on the Petition until at least the September 14, 2017 Commission Open Meeting to allow for additional time for discussions between the Company, Commission Staff and other interested parties. Our understanding is Commission Staff supports the additional time for discussions. Accordingly, the Company requests that this matter be removed from the Agenda for the July 27, 2017 Commission Open Meeting, and addressed at its September 14, 2017 Open Meeting.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Meyer", is written over a horizontal line.

David Meyer
Vice President and Chief Counsel for
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cc: Commission Staff (Tom Schooley, Chris McGuire, Chris Casey)
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