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**Re: Comments of NW Energy Coalition on Docket UE- 200505:** *June 3, 2020 Notice of Opportunity to Comment on Electric Utility Energy Independence Act Reports Concerning Conservation and Renewable Portfolio Standards*

NW Energy Coalition (“NWECC”) appreciates the opportunity to comment on Avista Corporation’s (“Avista” or “the Company”) July 20<sup>st</sup>, 2020 second revised filing in Docket 200505, detailing the eligible renewable resources acquired for compliance with the renewable resource targets set forth in Washington’s Energy Independence Act (“I-937”).

As we expected, Avista met the 2020 target, the first reporting year qualifying utilities had to meet the 15% target. Avista met that target and still showed surplus clean power available. Importantly for the consumer, the incremental cost of supplying renewable power was a bit less than that of the substitute resources, as reported in the Renewable Energy Report, Appendix B-C. I-937 continues to drive renewable energy investments that diversify Washington’s energy portfolio, leading to a more reliable grid, rate stability, job creation, and progress towards state emissions goals.

We note that in the Company’s current compliance report, Avista did not redact information on incremental cost. Given our repeated requests for such transparency, we thank both the Commission and Avista for such transparency and for providing unredacted information to the public.

We appreciate the opportunity to submit these comments for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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