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Mark L. Johnson
Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
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Re: Docket No. UE-171091 - Avista Utilities 2018 Annual Conservation Report (ACR)

Dear Mr. Johnson,

In compliance with RCW 19.285 and WAC 480-109-120 (3), Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities (“Avista” or “the Company”), respectfully submits its “2018 Annual Conservation Report (ACR).”

The ACR summarizes the Company’s energy efficiency achievements for its Washington electric and natural gas customers. These programs are intended to deliver a cost-effective, “least-cost” resource with the funding provided through Avista’s Schedules 91 (electric) and 191 (natural gas), also known as the “tariff rider” which is a non-bypassable system benefit charge applied to all electric and natural gas retail sales.

Avista’s annual electric savings target as reported in its 2018 Electric Annual Conservation Plan (ACP) is 42,530 MWh. In 2018, Avista acquired 46,442 MWh (interim verified savings) in Washington, or 109% percent of its 2018 ACP target. Avista’s natural gas portfolio delivered 736,986 therms in first-year annual savings. Based on the 719,451 target established by the 2018 Natural Gas Annual Conservation Plan (ACP), Avista achieved 102% of its target.

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The Company provided a draft of its filing to its Energy Efficiency Advisory Group on Wednesday, May 1, 2019, and incorporated input received from Commission Staff and the Northwest Energy Coalition (NWECC) into its filing.

Cadmus has been retained as the Company's external evaluator to independently measure and verify the portfolio energy savings.

Per WAC 480-109-120(3)(c), a copy of the Energy Independence Act (I-937) Conservation Report submitted to the Department of Commerce is provided as Appendix F.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Dan Johnson, Director of Energy Efficiency at 509-495-2807 or myself at 509-495-4975.

Sincerely,

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