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December 4, 2017

**NOTICE OF POTENTIAL EX PARTE COMMUNICATION**

RE: Avista Corporation, Report identifying its ten-year achievable electric conservation potential and its electric biennial conservation target,  
Docket UE-171091;  
*Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Avista Corporation*,  
Dockets UE-170485 and UG-170486 (*Consolidated*)

TO ALL PARTIES:

On May 26, 2017, Avista Corporation (Avista or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a general rate case in Consolidated Dockets UE-170485 and UG-170486.

On November 1, 2017, Avista filed with the Commission its 2018-2019 Biennial Conservation Plan in Docket UE-171091.

On November 6, 2017, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity to Comment on Avista Corporation's Report Identifying its Ten-Year Achievable Conservation Potential and Its Biennial Conservation Target Pursuant to RCW 19.285.040 and WAC 480-109-120, and Notice of Recessed Open Meeting set for Wednesday, December 20, 2017, at 1:30 p.m. (Notice).<sup>1</sup> The Notice invited Commission staff (Staff) and interested persons to comment on the Company's ten-year achievable conservation potential or its biennial conservation target by December 1, 2017.

In response testimony filed on October 27, 2017, Staff argued that electric to gas conversions for residential or multi-family new construction should not be included as part of the Company's 2018-2019 Biennial Conservation Plan. In comments filed on December 1 in Docket UE-171091, Staff reiterated its position as set out in its response testimony.

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<sup>1</sup> The Notice incorrectly identifies December 20 as a Thursday.

Due to the overlap between Staff's testimony in Avista's general rate case and Staff's comments related to the Company's 2018-2019 Biennial Conservation Plan, the Commission finds it appropriate to give this notice, effectively inviting all parties to Avista's general rate case to participate in the recessed open meeting set for Wednesday, December 20, 2017, at 1:30 p.m., to prevent any ex parte communication.

**THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That the parties in consolidated Dockets UE-170485 and UG-170486 are invited, along with other interested persons, to participate in the recessed open meeting set for Wednesday, December 20, 2017, at 1:30 p.m., in Room 206, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.**

STEVEN V. KING  
Executive Director and Secretary