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Mark L. Johnson, Executive Director and Secretary
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RE: *Petition of Avista Corporation for Proposed New Tariff Revisions, Electric Schedule 80, and Natural Gas Schedule 180, Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Non-Communicating Meter, Dockets No. UE-180418 and UG-180419 –Avista Utilities Bi-Annual Status Report Related to the Company’s Advanced Meter Infrastructure*

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Commission Staff has reviewed the compliance filing of Avista Corporation dated March 1, 2019, titled *Avista Utilities Bi-Annual Status Report*. This report – the first of a series of required reports - provides updates to the Commission about the pilot program’s progress through the first six months of its operation. Reports are due every six months until September 2020, with a final report on the pilot due no later than November 30, 2020. Staff believes that the filing complies fully with the Commission’s Order 01, entered July 30, 2018.

The company has completed its phase one installation project in and around downtown Spokane. Approximately 3800 new electric AMI meters and 1900 natural gas AMI meters have been installed and tested. 108 opt-out applications have been received by the company system-wide, largely among customers who have expressed interest in the issue since Avista’s first pilot project with advanced metering in Pullman.

Sincerely,

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