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Attention: Mr. Steven King, Executive Director and Secretary

COMMISSION

Enclosed for electronic filing with the Commission is "Avista Utilities Natural Gas Procurement Plan and Hedging Framework". This document, which was originally included with the Company's 2017 Natural Gas Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment filing, was requested by Commission Staff to be separately filed with the Commission. The document will be the subject of discussion at the Commission's November 16, 2017 recessed open meeting.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please call Annette Brandon at 509-495-4873 or myself at 509-495-8620.

Sincerely

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