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Mark L. Johnson  
Executive Director and Secretary  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
P.O. Box 47250  
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

Please find enclosed for electronic filing with the Commission is Avista Utilities' Natural Gas Procurement and Hedging Framework Report (Hedging Plan Report) and Exhibits. This Report is being filed in accordance with the Commission's "Policy and Interpretive Statement on Local Distribution Companies' Natural Gas Hedging Practices" (UG-130219). Hard copies are being distributed to all parties on the Certificate of Service.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact Annette Brandon at 509-495-4873.

Sincerely,

Patrick D. Ehrbar  
Director of Regulatory Affairs

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