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Mark L. Johnson, Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
621 Woodland Square Loop SE, Lacey WA 98503
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RE: *In the Matter of the Petition of Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities, for an Order Approving the Avoided Cost Methodology for Power Purchases from Large Qualified Facilities per WAC 480-106-050(5)*
Docket UE-200455

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This letter is in response to Avista Corporation's (Avista) petition for Commission approval of its avoided cost rate methodology for qualifying facilities with capacity greater than five megawatts.

Commission Staff is not aware of any analysis demonstrating concerns with the Company's filing. In fact, Staff anticipates Avista's cost methodology to be similar to that of Puget Sound Energy's large QF methodology. Finally, Staff here in no way presupposes any outcomes with regard to any future complaints filed either under or against Avista's tariff.

Respectfully,

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