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Mark L. Johnson
Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
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RE: Comments of Avista Utilities - UE-180738

Dear Mr. Johnson:

In response to Commission Staff's "Petition for Exemption from WAC 480-100-238(4) and (5) dated October 28th, 2019, Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities ("Avista" or "Company") submits the following comments.

Commission Staff requested that the Commission grant its petition for exemptions from WAC 490-100-238(4) and (5), refrain from its practice of issuing a letter of acknowledgement until December 31, 2020, and issue an order setting the next IRP due dates for January 4, 2021, for the draft IRP, and April 1, 2021, for the final IRP. The Company supports Commission Staff's request to establish due dates of January 4, 2021, for the next draft IRP, and April 1, 2021, for the final IRP which will be filed in a new docket.

Notwithstanding the current IRP process in Washington State, Avista will continue to develop its resource plan for compliance in Idaho, therefore continuing its Technical Advisory Committee meetings to ensure customers have a least cost plan to meet their energy and capacity requirements.

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The Company looks forward to working with Commission Staff and all interested parties through upcoming workshops and advisory committee meetings.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact James Gall at 509-495-2189 or John Lyons at 509-495-8515.

Sincerely,

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