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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 August 30, 2019, titled *Avista Utilities Bi-Annual Status Report*. This report – the second 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 began the project in September 2018 with its Phase One installation project in and around downtown Spokane, and has since moved on to the Phase Two areas of Central Spokane, Millwood, Southwest Spokane, Pullman, and Clarkston. To date, more than 50,000 residential and commercial customers have received more than 100,000 meters. 934 opt-out applications have been received by the company; just seventeen customers are currently paying the opt-out meter reading fee. 165 of the opt-out customers are receiving assistance through Avista's low-income programs and so are not paying the meter reading fee. The project will install more than 425,000 AMI meters during the project, which is expected to conclude in autumn 2020.

Sincerely,

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