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Marlene – As a follow-up to our meetings and conversations about the Waste to Energy Facility, I wanted to provide you with additional perspectives about our path forward should the WUTC rule in the City's favor.

In its most recent electric integrated resource plan, Avista continues to identify needs for incremental capacity and energy in the future. As we noted in our filing with the WUTC, the Waste to Energy Facility has been an important resource for serving our customers, and if the WUTC ruled in favor of the City of Spokane, we would engage with the City in negotiations on a long-term PPA. Because we do have a need for additional capacity and energy, as long as the terms of the contract with the City are competitive with market conditions related to other resources and our avoided cost filings, our customers are not negatively impacted by entering into that longer-term contract. With those caveats, Avista and its customers would not suffer adverse effects from a declaratory order.

We value our longstanding relationship with the City of Spokane, and we recognize there are opportunities to partner in the future in ways that benefit both our customers and the City's citizens.

Regards - Jason

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