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November 9, 2018

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Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
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Re: Docket No. UG-18\_\_\_\_\_ For an Order Authorizing Approval of Changes to the Company's Natural Gas Line Extension Tariff and Associated Accounting and Ratemaking Treatment

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Attached for filing with the Commission is an electronic copy of the Petition of Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities ("Avista" or "the Company"), for an Order Authorizing Approval of Changes to the Company's Natural Gas Line Extension Tariff and Associated Accounting and Ratemaking Treatment related to the excess residential line extension allowance for customer equipment. The Company is requesting to make permanent both the Perpetual Net Present Value ("PNPV") methodology used to calculate the amount of a natural gas line extension allowance as well as the existing Line Extension Allowance Program ("LEAP"). In support of this Petition, a Report on the Line Extension Allowance Program (LEAP) Pilot ("Report") has been included as Attachment A, and the proposed revisions to Avista's natural gas tariff Schedule 151 as Attachment B.

An original and three copies of this filing were sent to the Commission on November 9, 2018 via overnight mail. Please direct any question regarding this filing to Jaime Majure at (509) 495-7839.

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Director of Regulatory Affairs

**Enclosures** 

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