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Mark L. Johnson, Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
P. O. Box 47250
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

RE: Avista Corporation's Annual Renewable Portfolio Standard Compliance Report
Docket UE-180478

Dear Mr. Johnson:

In Order 01 of the above-mentioned docket, the Commission determined that Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities (Avista or Company) had complied with the 2018 renewable portfolio standard (RPS) target calculation and initial reporting requirements. The Commission ordered Avista to file a report no later than June 1, 2020, that listed the certificate numbers for every renewable energy credit (REC) that the company retired in the Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System (WREGIS), along with details about which certificates were used for its voluntary renewable energy programs for 2018.

Staff Analysis of Avista's 2020 Final RPS Compliance Report

In its May 31, 2018, filing, Avista correctly calculated its 2018 RPS target of 512,805 MWh, and identified a mix of wind-, biomass-, and incremental hydropower-based RECs from 2018 that it planned to use to meet this target. Table 1 below displays the mix of resources that Avista planned to deploy to meet the target.

Table 1: Avista’s 2018 Renewable Resource Target and Compliance Plan

2018 Target (MWh)	Incremental Hydro (MWh)	2018 RECs	Total Compliance Resources (MWh)
512,805	192,039	458,596	650,635

On May 15, 2020, Avista filed its final RPS compliance report for 2018. Commission Staff has reviewed all compliance report materials and determined that Avista has met its 2018 RPS target. Table 2 below details the resources Avista used to meet the target.

Table 2: Summary of 2018 Avista RCW 19.285.040 Compliance

Facility Name	Facility Type	Vintage Year 2018	Extra Apprenticeship Credits	Total
Cabinet Gorge Unit 2	Incremental Hydro	29,008		29,008
Cabinet Gorge Unit 3	Incremental Hydro	45,808		45,808
Cabinet Gorge Unit 4	Incremental Hydro	20,517		20,517
Little Falls Unit 4	Incremental Hydro	4,862		4,862
Long Lake Unit 3	Incremental Hydro	14,197		14,197
Nine Mile Unit 1	Incremental Hydro	8,804		8,804
Nine Mile Unit 2	Incremental Hydro	13,146		13,146
Noxon Rapids Unit 1	Incremental Hydro	21,435		21,435
Noxon Rapids Unit 2	Incremental Hydro	7,709		7,709
Noxon Rapids Unit 3	Incremental Hydro	14,529		14,529
Noxon Rapids Unit 4	Incremental Hydro	12,024		12,024
Palouse Wind	Wind	267,305	53,461	320,766
TOTAL		459,344	53,461	512,805

Conclusion

For 2018, Avista has fully complied with the reporting requirements contained in Order 01, entered August 9, 2018.

Sincerely,

Andrew Rector
Regulatory Analyst