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Steven V. King
Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Pk. Dr. S.W.
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Re: Report on Avista Corporation's Notice to Customers on General Rate Case and Proposed Rate Changes,
Avista 2017 General Rate Case, Dockets UE-170485 and UG-170486

Dear Mr. King:

The Public Counsel Unit of the Washington Office of the Attorney General's Office agreed to report the status of Avista Corporation's ("Company" or "Avista") Customer Notice regarding the General Rate Case filing and proposed rate changes by August 7, 2017. In accordance with the Procedural Schedule in combined Dockets UE-170485 and UG-170486, Public Counsel Unit respectfully submits its first Customer Notice Report to the Utilities and Transportation Commission.

Public Counsel and Staff have contacted the Company about their proposed Customer Notice. At this time, the Company has not provided a draft Customer Notice. The Company agrees to provide a first draft of the Customer Notice by August 11, pending confirmation of Public Comment Hearing dates. In consultation with UTC Staff Analyst Andrew Roberts, the Parties have conferred on potential Public Hearing dates and locations. The goal is to hold the Public Hearings in two distinct locations within Avista's service territory, rather than holding both in a similar geographic area.

Public Counsel commits to submit a second Customer Notice Report by August 23, 2017, with the intention of having a complete document at that time. In the intervening time, Public Counsel will work with Staff and Company representatives to finalize the Customer Notice. Public Counsel's intent is to ensure that the Notice provides customers with a clear understanding of why the Company requests a rate increase for both electric

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and natural gas service, in addition to giving customers sufficient time to plan to attend a Public Hearing.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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