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RE: *In the Matter of Avista Corporation's Renewable Energy Target Progress Report Under RCW 19.285.070 and WAC 480 109 210, Docket UE-160779*

TO ALL PARTIES:

The Energy Independence Act (EIA)¹ requires qualifying electric utilities to obtain certain percentages of their electricity from eligible renewable resources. The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) enforces compliance with the EIA by investor-owned utilities, including Avista Corporation (Avista or Company).² The Commission has implemented these requirements by establishing a two-step compliance process.³ Because a utility may comply with its renewable portfolio standards (RPS) obligation by using renewable energy credits (RECs) acquired in the year after the target year, ultimate compliance for 2016, for example, can be demonstrated as late as June 1, 2018.

On August 4, 2016, the Commission entered Order 01, Order Approving Compliance with Eligible Renewable Energy Target Reporting Requirements for 2016 (Order 01). Among other things, Order 01 required Avista to file its final RPS report no later than June 1, 2018. The final report was to include certificate numbers for every REC that Avista Corporation retired in the Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System and details about which certificates were used for its voluntary renewable energy programs in 2016.

On May 4, 2018, Avista filed with the Commission its final RPS report for 2016. On May 21, 2018, Avista filed additional documentation.

On July 3, 2018, Commission staff (Staff) filed a letter stating that it had reviewed the report. In its letter, Staff stated that it believes the Company has fully complied with Order 01 and

¹ RCW Chapter 19.285.

² RCW 19.285.060(6).

³ WAC 480-109-210(1) and (6).

the requirements of the EIA, and that the Commission should approve the eligibility of RECs from certain of Avista's resources (namely Stateline Wind, Klondike Wind, and Harvest Wind) for RPS compliance.

The Commission has reviewed the Company's report, acknowledges that the report complies with Order 01, and finds that Avista is in compliance with the requirements of the EIA for 2016.

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Executive Director and Secretary