## BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND	)	
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION	)	DOCKETS UE-140188 and
	)	UG-140189 (Consolidated)
	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	JOINT MOTION FOR AN ORDER
	)	APPROVING ADDENDUM TO THE
AVISTA CORPORATION d/b/a	)	SETTLEMENT STIPULATION
AVISTA UTILITIES	)	
Respondent.	)	
	)	

Comes now, Avista Corporation ("Avista" or the "Company"), the Staff of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission ("Staff"), the Public Counsel Section of the Washington Office of Attorney General ("Public Counsel"), the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers ("AWEC")<sup>1</sup>, and The Energy Project, (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Parties"), and respectfully move the Commission for an Order approving the Addendum to the Settlement Stipulation filed herewith. This Joint Motion is based on the following:

- 1. On November 25, 2014, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission approved a Settlement Stipulation ("Stipulation") in Avista's 2014 electric and natural gas general rate case. Included in the approved Stipulation were electric and natural gas Decoupling Mechanisms, which went into effect on January 1, 2015.
- 2. Paragraph 13, sub-section a of the Stipulation states:

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Northwest Industrial Gas Users ("NWIGU") and the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities ("ICNU") were parties in this proceeding, but on March 31, 2018, NWIGU merged into the ICNU, and on April 1, 2018 ICNU changed its name to AWEC. The advocacy and work previously performed by NWIGU now occurs as part of AWEC.

- 13. <u>Electric and Natural Gas Decoupling.</u>
  - a) The electric and natural gas Decoupling Mechanisms illustrated in Appendices 4 and 5 will commence concurrent with the natural gas and electric rate changes January 1, 2015. Per the Company's testimony, the length of the decoupling mechanisms is five years, with a third-party evaluation of the mechanisms paid for by Avista, to be completed following the end of the third full-year. (emphasis added) (footnote omitted)
- 3. Based on the five year length of the Decoupling Mechanisms, the end of the mechanisms would be December 31, 2019.
- 4. On January 25, 2019, Avista reached out via email to the Parties in these dockets requesting an extension of the Decoupling Mechanisms until the end of Avista's next general rate case, estimated to be concluded on or around April 1, 2020. Should the Company seek to extend the mechanisms, the parties would then be able to review any proposed modifications to the Decoupling Mechanisms in Avista's upcoming general rate case.
- 5. All of the Parties in these dockets agreed to the extension and have executed an Addendum to the November 25, 2014 Stipulation, attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- 6. The Parties recommend that the Commission grant this Motion and approve the Addendum to the Stipulation in its entirety.

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