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Steven King, Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission P.O. Box 47250 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W. Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: 2016 Essential Utilities Services Contracts Report

Dear Mr. King:

Pursuant to WAC 480-100-268 and WAC 480-90-268, Avista Corporation dba Avista Utilities (Avista or Company) submits its 2016 "Essential Utilities Services Contracts Report."

Pursuant to WAC 480-07-160, the Company requests that this filing be treated as "CONFIDENTIAL" material. The Company has identified and marked the report as confidential. The proprietary information relates to prices contained in the specified contracts that if not accorded confidential treatment would adversely affect the Company, customers and vendors. Also attached is the redacted version of the report.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please feel free to contact Annette Brandon at (509) 495-4324.

Sincerely,

/s/Linda Gervais/

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