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RE: UE-151145 – Avista’s Request for Final 2015 RPS Compliance Determination

Dear Mr. King:

Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities (“Avista” and/or the “Company”), respectfully requests a determination of compliance for its 2015 Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) “Compliance Report.”

On May 29, 2015 and in its revised report on July 8, 2015, in compliance with RCW 19.285, (Initiative 937 (I-937) or the Washington Energy Independence Act), the Company submitted its 2015 Renewable Portfolio Standard Compliance Report demonstrating its compliance with the renewable energy component of I-937.

In the RPS Report, Avista reported that, as of January 1, 2015, it had 665,694 megawatt-hours of incremental electricity from hydroelectric upgrades and wind generation available for its use in 2015. All of the hydroelectric facilities listed in the Company’s RPS Report are located in the Pacific Northwest, and all are owned by a qualifying utility. All of the hydroelectric efficiency improvements listed in Avista’s RPS Report were completed after March 31, 1999. Avista has demonstrated that, as of January 1, 2015, it had the right to use 170,472 megawatt-hours of eligible renewable resources, as defined in RCW 19.285.030(10)(b) and WAC 480-109-007(9)(b), in 2015.

On July 30, 2015, in Order No. 01, in Docket No. UE-151145 the Commission provided the following:

- (1) The Commission accepts the calculation of 170,472 megawatt-hours as the 2015 renewable energy target for Avista Corporation.

- (2) Avista Corporation has identified eligible renewable resources sufficient to supply at least 3 percent of its load for 2015.
- (3) Avista Corporation has complied with the June 1, 2015, reporting requirements pursuant to WAC 480-109-040.
- (4) Avista Corporation must file a second report no later than June 1, 2017, that provides the information necessary to determine whether Avista Corporation met the 2015 renewable target of 170,472 megawatt-hours.

Per the Commission Order, the Company now seeks a final compliance determination regarding its 2015 compliance. As described in the Company’s RPS Report, it met its 2015 target using qualified hydroelectric upgrades and wind RECs. Since the filing of its 2015 Compliance Report, the information and analysis regarding how the Company was to comply with the 2015 target has not changed.

The qualifying generation associated with the hydroelectric upgrades used for 2015 compliance are retired in WREGIS, or in an attestation, and are described in the following table:

Renewable Energy for 2015 Compliance

WREGIS Generation Unit ID	Generator Plant – Unit Name	Vintage	Certificate Serial Numbers	Total Number Eligible Renewable Resources (MWh)
W1560	Cabinet Gorge Unit 2	2015	1560-ID-151080-1 to 28578	28,578
W1560	Cabinet Gorge Unit 2	2015	1560-ID-154177-1 to 430	430
W1561	Cabinet Gorge Unit 3	2015	1561-ID-154178-1 to 21300	21,300
W1561	Cabinet Gorge Unit 3	2015	1561-ID-151081-1 to 24508	24,508
W1562	Cabinet Gorge Unit 4	2015	1562-ID-151082-1 to 20517	20,517
W249	Stateline Wind	2015	249-OR-150205-13490 to 13872	383
W2102	Little Falls Unit 4	2015	2102-WA-151390-1 to 4862	4,862
W2103	Long Lake Unit 3	2015	2103-WA-151391-1 to 14197	14,197
W1530	Noxon Rapids Unit 1	2015	1530-MT-151071-1 to 21435	21,435
W1552	Noxon Rapids Unit 2	2015	1552-MT-151074-1 to 7709	7,709
W1554	Noxon Rapids Unit 3	2015	1554-MT-151075-1 to 14529	14,529
W1555	Noxon Rapids Unit 4	2015	1555-MT-151076-1 to 12024	12,024
Total Number of RECs and/or Qualifying Hydroelectric Upgrades				170,472

The Company retired the qualifying hydroelectric upgrades and wind RECs listed above, and has included screen shots from WREGIS as proof of retirement for 170,472 MWh to the Commission.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact John Lyons at 509-495-8515 or myself at 509-495-4975.

Sincerely,

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