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Mark L. Johnson, Executive Director and Secretary  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
P. O. Box 47250  
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

RE: Avista Corporation's Annual Renewable Portfolio Standard Compliance Report  
**Docket UE-170682**

Dear Mr. Johnson:

In Order 01 of the above mentioned docket, the Commission determined that Avista Corporation (Avista or Company) had complied with the 2017 renewable portfolio standard (RPS) target calculation and initial reporting requirements. The Commission ordered Avista to file a report no later than June 1, 2019, that listed the certificate numbers for every renewable energy credit (REC) that the company retired in the Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System (WREGIS), along with details about which certificates were used for its voluntary renewable energy programs for 2017.

**Staff Analysis of Avista's 2017 Final RPS Compliance Report**

In its July 11, 2017, revised filing, Avista correctly calculated its 2017 RPS target of 504,050 MWh, and identified a mix of wind-, biomass-, and incremental hydropower-based RECs from 2017 and 2018 that it planned to use to meet this target. Table 1 below displays the mix of resources that Avista planned to deploy to meet the target.

**Table 1: Avista’s 2017 Renewable Resource Target and Compliance Plan**

<b>2017 Target (MWh)</b>	<b>Incremental Hydro (MWh)</b>	<b>2017 RECs</b>	<b>2018 RECs</b>	<b>Purchased RECs</b>	<b>Total Compliance Resources (MWh)</b>
504,050	192,039	62,986	258,963	N/A	504,050

On May 29, 2019, Avista filed its final RPS compliance report for 2017. Commission staff (Staff) has reviewed all compliance report materials and determined that Avista has met its 2017 RPS target. Table 2 below details the resources Avista used to meet the target.

**Table 2: Summary of 2017 Avista RCW 19.285.040 Compliance**

<b>Facility Name</b>	<b>Facility Type</b>	<b>Vintage Year 2017</b>	<b>Vintage Year 2018</b>	<b>Extra Apprenticeship Credits</b>	<b>Total</b>
Cabinet Gorge Unit 2	Incremental Hydro	29,008			29,008
Cabinet Gorge Unit 3	Incremental Hydro	45,808			45,808
Cabinet Gorge Unit 4	Incremental Hydro	20,517			20,517
Little Falls Unit 4	Incremental Hydro	4,862			4,862
Long Lake Unit 3	Incremental Hydro	14,197			14,197
Nine Mile Unit 1	Incremental Hydro	8,804			8,804
Nine Mile Unit 2	Incremental Hydro	13,146			13,146
Noxon Rapids Unit 1	Incremental Hydro	21,435			21,435
Noxon Rapids Unit 2	Incremental Hydro	7,709			7,709
Noxon Rapids Unit 3	Incremental Hydro	14,529			14,529
Noxon Rapids Unit 4	Incremental Hydro	12,024			12,024
Palouse Wind	Wind	165,272	6,595	34,373	206,240
Kettle Falls	Biomass	105,771			105,771
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>463,082</b>	<b>6,595</b>	<b>34,373</b>	<b>504,050</b>

## **Conclusion**

For 2017, Avista has fully complied with the reporting requirements contained in Order 01, entered August 10, 2017.

Sincerely,

Andrew Rector  
Regulatory Analyst