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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-190445

Dear Mr. Johnson:

In Order 01 of the above-mentioned docket, the Commission determined that Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities (Avista or Company) had complied with the 2019 renewable portfolio standard (RPS) target calculation and initial reporting requirements. The Commission ordered Avista to file a report no later than June 1, 2021, 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 2019.

Staff Analysis of Avista's 2021 Final RPS Compliance Report

In its May 30, 2019, filing, Avista correctly calculated its 2019 RPS target of 514,144 MWh, and identified a mix of wind-, biomass-, and incremental hydropower-based RECs from 2019 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 2019 Renewable Resource Target and Compliance Plan

2018 Target (MWh)	Incremental Hydro (MWh)	Wind (MWh)	Biomass (MWh)	Total Compliance Resources (MWh)
514,144	157,657	359,730	293,462	810,849

On May 26, 2021, Avista filed its final RPS compliance report for 2019. Commission Staff has reviewed all compliance report materials and determined that Avista has met its 2019 RPS target. Table 2 below details the resources Avista used to meet the target.

Table 2: Summary of 2019 Avista RCW 19.285.040 Compliance

Facility Name	Facility Type	Vintage Year 2018	Vintage Year 2019	Extra Apprenticeship Credits	Total
Cabinet Gorge Unit 2	Incremental Hydro		12,184		12,184
Cabinet Gorge Unit 3	Incremental Hydro		13,690		13,690
Cabinet Gorge Unit 4	Incremental Hydro		6,137		6,137
Long Lake Unit 3	Incremental Hydro		7,241		7,241
Nine Mile Unit 1	Incremental Hydro		6,608		6,608
Nine Mile Unit 2	Incremental Hydro		1,830		1,830
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		11,898		11,898
Kettle Falls	Biomass	154,221			154,221
Palouse Wind	Wind	45,944	167,942	42,776	256,662
TOTAL		200,165	271,203	42,776	514,144

Conclusion

For 2019, Avista has fully complied with the reporting requirements contained in Order 01, entered August 8, 2019.

Sincerely,

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