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Steven V. King
Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
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Re: Avista Compliance – Docket No. UE-160100

Dear Mr. King:

Avista Corporation dba Avista Utilities (Avista or Company), respectfully submits its retired electric meters annual report for 2017 to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) in compliance with Order 01, in the above referenced Docket No. This report is intended to comply with the requirements outlined below:

Order 01 in Docket UE-160100:

- (2) Avista Corporation must file with the Commission an annual report by January 31 of each year, beginning January 31, 2017, documenting the actual number of meters retired in the previous calendar year and the net book value of those meters at the time of retirement.¹

The initial AMI implementation has focused on purchasing and installing a new meter data management system which was placed into service in October 2017. The Company is currently installing the head-end software systems, and has completed contracts for the purchase of the advanced

¹ This report also includes any retirement of the Company's natural gas analog registers as requested for like treatment by Avista and granted in Order 01 in DOCKETS UE-170327 and UG-170328. The analog register provides the visual reading of the metered amount of natural gas used by the customer.

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meters, natural gas communication modules and communications system hardware. Because the deployment of advanced meters and meter modules is entirely dependent on the enabling software and hardware systems being installed and tested, the Company did not deploy any advanced meters or analog registers in 2017, and therefore, it retired no electric meters or registers in 2017, related to AMI deployment. The Company plans to install advanced meters on a test basis in early Q4 of 2018, and full-scale deployment of advanced meters is planned to begin in 2019. Therefore, the Company does not have any retired meters or analog registers, or net book value of those meters to report for 2017.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Larry La Bolle at 509-495-4710 or myself at 509-495-4975.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures