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Re: *Petition of Avista Corporation for Orders authorizing deferred accounting treatment related to the net book value of the Company's existing electric meters, Docket UE-160100 and deferred accounting treatment related to the net book value of the Company's existing gas communicating modules, Docket UG-170328 – Notice of Retired Electric Meters and Gas Communicating Modules Annual Report 2017, submitted by Avista Corporation.*

Commission Staff has reviewed the compliance filing of Avista Corporation (Avista or Company) dated January 31, 2018, its annual Retired Electric Meters Annual Report 2016. On March 15, 2016, the Commission entered Order 01, Granting Amended Accounting Petition Subject to Conditions in Docket UE-160100 (Order 01). As part of the Commission approving the accounting petition for deferred accounting treatment related to the undepreciated net book value of Avista's existing electric meters, paragraph 19, ordered the Company to 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.

On September 14, 2017, the Commission entered Order 01, Granting Amended Accounting Petition. The Commission granted Avista's request for deferred accounting treatment related to the undepreciated net book value of Avista's existing gas communicating modules consistent with its existing electric meters. Avista is also required to provide an annual report by January 31 of each year, beginning January 31, 2017, documenting the actual number of gas communicating modules retired in the previous calendar year and the net book value of those gas communicating modules at the time of retirement.

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The Company has not retired any electric meters or gas communicating modules related to AMI deployment during reporting year 2017. Staff has reviewed the Company's Retired Electric Meters Annual Report, and it complies with the terms of Order 01, Paragraph 19, in Docket UE-160100 and with the terms of Order 01, Paragraph 13, in Dockets UE-170327 and UG-170328.

Sincerely,

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