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Mark L. Johnson  
Executive Director and Secretary  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
621 Woodland Square Loop SE  
Lacey, Washington 98503

Re: Docket No. UE-011595, Monthly Power Cost Deferral Report, September 2019  
Docket No. UE-140188, Monthly REC Report, September 2019

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Enclosed for electronic filing is Avista Corporation’s Power Cost Deferral Report for the month of September 2019. The report includes the monthly Energy Recovery Mechanism (ERM) accounting journal together with supporting work papers (Attachment A). The native format of the Excel worksheets for the deferral calculation and the journal in “pdf” format are attached to the electronic filing. Please note “pdf” is the native form for the deferral journal.

As summarized on page 8 of the September 2019 Power Cost Deferral report, actual net power supply costs, including the retail revenue adjustment, were lower than authorized net power costs for the Washington jurisdiction by \$839,613. No deferral entry was recorded in the month because the Company is within the \$4 million deadband. The table below illustrates the year-to-date activity.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Absorbed (Avista)</u>	<u>Deferred (Customer)</u>
First \$4M at 100%	\$ (1,061,464)	\$ (1,061,464)	\$ -
\$4M to \$10M at 25% (rebate)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$4M to \$10M at 50% (surcharge)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Over \$10M at 10%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	<u>\$ (1,061,464)</u>	<u>\$ (1,061,464)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Actual power supply expense was lower than the authorized level due primarily to low natural gas prices. The average natural gas price was \$1.76/dth compared to an authorized price of \$2.48/dth. The average power price was \$30.60/MWh compared to an authorized price of \$24.83/MWh. Hydro generation was 18 aMW below the authorized level.

Colstrip and Kettle Falls generated 17 aMW and 5 aMW above the authorized level respectively. Gas-fired generation was 87 aMW above the authorized level. The net transmission expense (transmission expense less transmission revenue) was below the authorized level. Washington retail sales were 17 aMW below the authorized level.

The report also includes the monthly renewable energy credits (RECs) accounting journal together with backup work papers (Attachment B). Per Order 05, Docket UE-140188, the Company defers 100% of the net monthly RECs not associated with compliance for the Washington Energy Independence Act. For a summary of beginning and ending balances, as well as monthly activity including net revenues for September 2019 of \$70,681 and interest, please see page 16 of the Power Cost Deferral Report.

Interest for the ERM is calculated pursuant to the Settlement Stipulation approved by the Commission's Fifth Supplemental Order in Docket No. UE-011595, dated December 18, 2002. Interest is applied to the average of the beginning and ending month deferral balances net of associated deferred federal income tax. The Company's actual cost of debt is used as the interest rate. The interest rate is updated semi-annually and interest is compounded semi-annually.

If you have any questions, please contact Bill Johnson at (509) 495-4046 or Annette Brandon at (509) 495-4324.

Sincerely,



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Director of Regulatory Affairs

