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***Via: UTC Web Portal***

Steven V. King

Executive Director and Secretary

Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission

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Re: Docket No. UE-132045 - Avista Utilities 2014-2015 Biennial Conservation Report (BCR) and 2015 Annual Conservation Report (ACR)

Dear Mr. King,

In compliance with RCW 19.285 and WAC 480-109-120 (4), Avista Corporation, respectfully submits it’s “2014-2015 Biennial Conservation Report (BCR).” Also, in compliance with RCW 19.285 and WAC 480-109-120 (3), Avista Corporation, respectfully submits it’s “2015 Annual Conservation Report (ACR).”

The Company provided a draft of its filing to its Demand-Side-Management (DSM) Advisory Group on Friday, April 29, 2016. The Company received input from the Commission Staff and have incorporated the input into its filing.

This filing summarizes the Company’s energy efficiency achievements for its Washington electric and natural gas customers. These programs are intended to deliver a cost‐effective, “least‐cost” resource with the funding provided through Avista’s Schedules 91 and 191, also known as the “Tariff Rider” which is a non‐bypassable system benefit charge applied to all electric and natural gas retail sales.

Avista’s target as filed in its 2014‐15 BCP is 68,204 MWh. In 2014 and 2015, Avista acquired 70,959 MWh (verified gross savings) in Washington, or 104% percent of its BCP two‐year end-use efficiency target. Primary drivers for electric savings included the nonresidential site-specific and residential lighting efforts. Behavioral savings and nonresidential prescriptive lighting also contributed a significant amount to the overall savings contribution. Avista’s natural gas portfolio delivered 1,250,742 therms (verified gross savings) over the 2014 and 2015 biennium. This achieved 101 percent of the Company’s 2014 and 2015 natural gas target of 1,239,042 therms as noted in the 2014 and 2015 Business Plans. Primary drivers for the natural gas savings include residential prescriptive HVAC and nonresidential site-specific HVAC.

Nexant, Inc., in partnership with Research Into Action, (the Nexant Team) was retained as the Company’s external evaluator to independently measure and verify the portfolio energy savings for the 2014-2015 biennium period.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Dan Johnson, Director of Energy Efficiency at 509-495-2807 or myself at 509-495-4975.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures