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February 3, 2017

Diane Hanian, Commission Secretary  
Idaho Public Utilities Commission  
W. 472 Washington Street  
Boise, Idaho 83720

RE: Avista Utilities 2016 Annual Report on Optional Alternative Renewable Energy

Dear Ms. Hanian:

Pursuant to Order No. 28948 in Case No. AVU-E-01-16, enclosed for filing is an original and seven (7) copies of Avista Corporation's dba Avista Utilities ("Avista" or "the Company") report on alternative energy resources offered as options to customers in 2016 under Schedule 95—Optional Renewable Power Rate. Avista Utilities' voluntary program, marketed as the "Buck-A-Block" program, for wind resources was initiated on February 1, 2002.

Avista Utilities offers an alternative renewable energy rate in the form of a wind power option to residential and commercial electric customers in both Idaho and Washington. The program offers blocks of 300 kWh for \$1.00 each, paid in addition to their regular rates. Customers may purchase as many blocks as they would like. Customers subscribe on a monthly basis and can cancel and re-subscribe at any time by either phone, internet, or bill inserts. Avista Utilities purchases and retires renewable energy certificates to supply the program. The Company marketed the program through billing inserts, earned media, local public radio, selected fairs, solar grants and print media.

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The attachment included shows the rate of customer participation, the amount of qualified alternative energy resources purchased by customers and the amount of utility investments in qualified alternative energy resources.

Please direct questions on this matter to me at (509) 495-4975 or Chris Drake at (509) 495-8624.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Linda Gervais". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Linda" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Gervais".

Senior Manager of Regulatory Policy

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Enclosures



## Buck-A-Block Program Summary for 2016

**2016 Blocks Sold (System) \$ 231,414**  
**2016 RECs (kWh) Sold (System) 69,424,200**

2016 ID Blocks	\$ 46,022	2016 WA Blocks	\$ 185,392
2016 ID RECs (kWh)	13,806,600	2016 WA RECs (kWh)	55,617,600
Idaho Residential Blocks	\$ 39,758	Washington Residential Blocks	\$ 101,068.00
Idaho Residential RECs (kWh)	11,927,400	Washington Residential RECs (kWh)	30,320,400
Idaho Commercial Blocks	\$ 6,264	Washington Commercial Blocks	\$ 84,324
Idaho Commercial RECs (kWh)	1,879,200	Washington Commercial RECs (kWh)	25,297,200

2016	ID Blocks	WA Blocks	Total Blocks	RECs
January	\$ 3,952	\$ 15,077	\$ 19,029	5,708,700
February	\$ 3,858	\$ 15,027	\$ 18,885	5,665,500
March	\$ 3,915	\$ 12,571	\$ 16,486	4,945,800
April	\$ 3,927	\$ 17,335	\$ 21,262	6,378,600
May	\$ 3,846	\$ 14,913	\$ 18,759	5,627,700
June	\$ 3,841	\$ 14,819	\$ 18,660	5,598,000
July	\$ 3,740	\$ 14,692	\$ 18,432	5,529,600
August	\$ 3,807	\$ 21,444	\$ 25,251	7,575,300
September	\$ 3,644	\$ 21,446	\$ 25,090	7,527,000
October	\$ 3,894	\$ 14,970	\$ 18,864	5,659,200
November	\$ 3,860	\$ 15,027	\$ 18,887	5,666,100
December	\$ 3,738	\$ 8,071	\$ 11,809	3,542,700
	\$ 46,022	\$ 185,392	\$ 231,414	69,424,200