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

RE: Avista Utilities 2017 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.

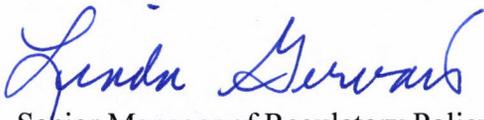
Avista Utilities offers an alternative renewable energy rate in the form of a wind power option to residential and commercial electric customers in both Idaho and Washington. The program offers blocks of 300 kWh for \$1.00 each, paid in addition to their regular rates. Customers may purchase as many 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 Renee Coelho at (509) 495-8607.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures



## Buck-A-Block Program Summary for 2017

2017 Blocks Sold (System) \$ 229,545

2017 RECs (kWh) Sold (System) 68,863,500

2017 ID Blocks	\$ 52,367	2017 WA Blocks	\$ 177,178
2017 ID RECs (kWh)	15,710,100	2017 WA RECs (kWh)	53,153,400
Idaho Residential Blocks	\$ 46,162	Washington Residential Blocks	\$ 120,584.00
Idaho Residential RECs (kWh)	13,848,600	Washington Residential RECs (kWh)	36,175,200
Idaho Commercial Blocks	\$ 6,205	Washington Commercial Blocks	\$ 56,594
Idaho Commercial RECs (kWh)	1,861,500	Washington Commercial RECs (kWh)	16,978,200