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October 21, 2020

Jan Noriyuki, Secretary  
Idaho Public Utilities Commission  
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Boise, Idaho 83714

RE: Case No. AVU-E-20-11

Dear Ms. Noriyuki:

Attached for filing with the Commission is Avista Corporation's, doing business as Avista Utilities' filing in compliance with Order Nos. 33917, to establish its Capacity Deficiency Period to be used for the avoided cost calculations. The Commission issued Order No. 34814 acknowledging the Company's 2020 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) on October 15, 2020. With this acknowledgement, Avista submits its Capacity Deficiency Period to establish a new deficiency date for the SAR avoided capacity cost.

Please direct any questions regarding this filing to John Lyons at 509-495-8515.

Sincerely,

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**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN THE MATTER OF AVISTA CORPORATION'S)  
COMPLIANCE FILING TO UPDATE )  
AND ESTABLISH ITS CAPACITY DEFICIENCY )  
PERIOD TO BE USED FOR AVOIDED COST )  
CALCULATIONS )

CASE NO. AVU-E-20- 11

AVISTA CORPORATION'S  
COMPLIANCE FILING

## **I. INTRODUCTION**

Avista Corporation, doing business as Avista Utilities (hereinafter Avista or Company), at 1411 East Mission Avenue, Spokane, Washington, respectfully submits to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) this filing, in compliance with Order Nos. 32697 and 32802 in Case No. GNR-E-11-03, seeking approval from the Commission of the capacity deficiency period to be utilized for the Company’s avoided cost calculations.

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## **II. BACKGROUND**

In Order No. 33917 the Commission amended Order No. 32697 such that utilities were to file “their first capacity deficiency cases after the Commission has acknowledged their IRP reports.” Avista filed its 2020 Electric IRP with the Commission on February 28, 2020. On October 15, 2020, the Commission issued Order No. 34814 acknowledging the 2020 IRP.



## V. CAPACITY DEFICIENCY PERIOD

Avista's 2020 IRP identifies the first load deficit in January 2026. The deficit is a direct result of the expected economic loss of Colstrip Units 3 and 4 no longer serving Avista's customers system-wide at the end of 2025. The loss is compounded with the expiration of the Lancaster PPA in October 2026. Figures 1 and 2 show the net peak position for both the winter and summer peak hour positions from Figures 7-1 and 7-2 on page 7-4 of the 2020 IRP respectively. Figure 3 shows Avista's annual average energy load and resources balance as identified in Figure 7.3 of the 2020 IRP on page 7-5.

Figure 1: Winter One-Hour Capacity Load & Resources

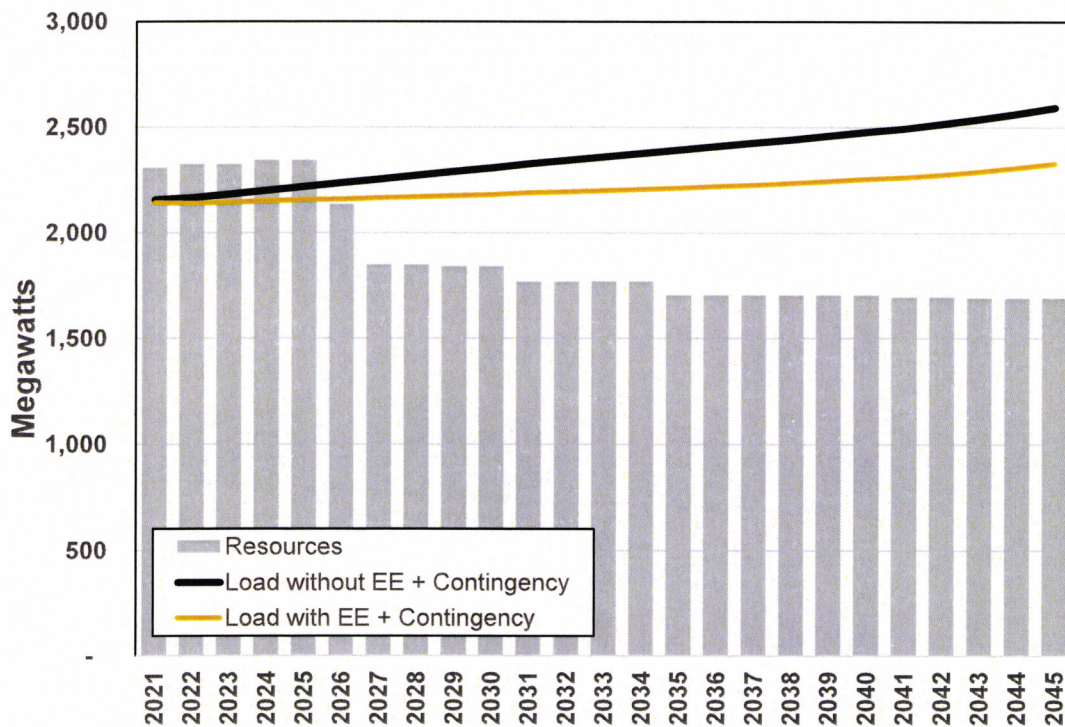


Figure 2: Summer One-Hour Capacity Load & Resources

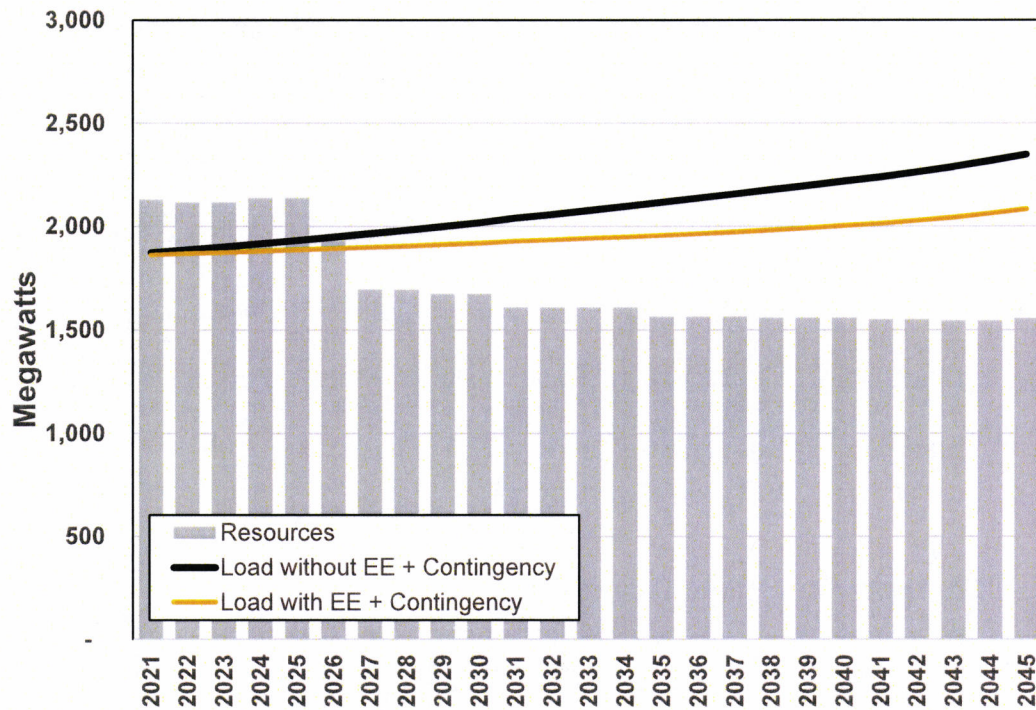
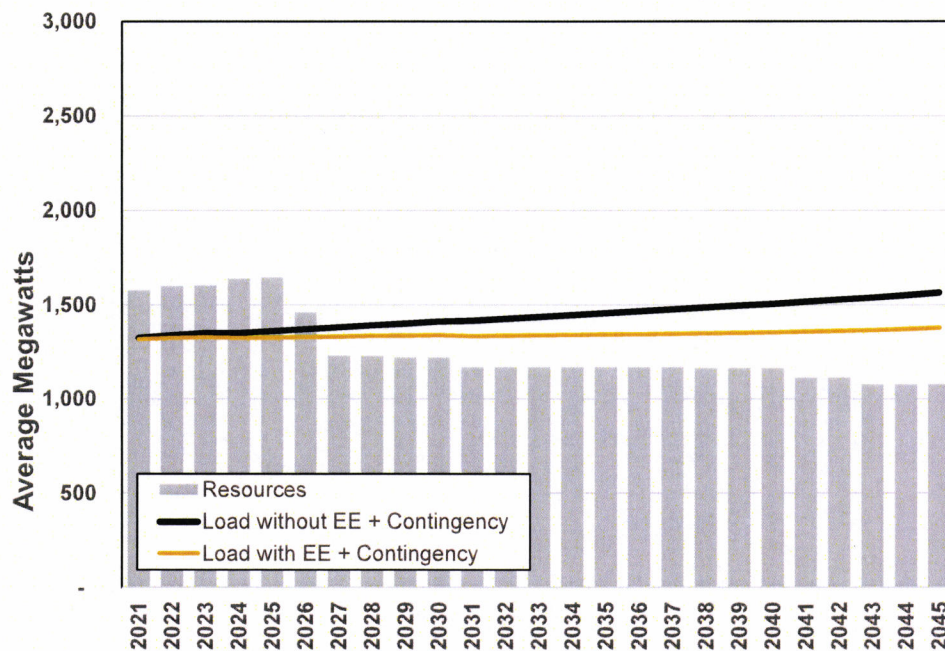


Figure 3: Annual Average Energy Load & Resource Balance





## **VI. MODIFIED PROCEDURE**

Avista believes that a hearing is not necessary to consider the issues presented herein and respectfully requests that this Application be processed under Modified Procedure, i.e., by written submissions rather than by hearing. RP 201 et seq. If the Commission determines that a technical hearing is necessary, the Company will be ready to prepare and present its testimony in such hearing.

## **VII. REQUEST**

The Company respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order to approve of its capacity deficiency period, with a first deficit occurring in January 2026.

DATED at Spokane, Washington, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2020.

AVISTA CORPORATION

By /s/ Michael Andrea

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