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**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION	)	CASE NO. AVU-E-17-01
OF AVISTA CORPORATION FOR THE	)	CASE NO. AVU-G-17-01
AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES	)	
AND CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC AND	)	
NATURAL GAS SERVICE TO ELECTRIC	)	ATTORNEY'S CERTIFICATE
AND NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS IN	)	CLAIM OF CONFIDENTIALITY
OF IDAHO	)	RELATING TO PORTIONS
	)	OF AVISTA'S EXHIBIT'S
	)	AND WORKPAPERS
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**FOR AVISTA CORPORATION**

I, David J. Meyer, represent Avista Corporation. I am Vice President and Chief Counsel for Regulatory and Governmental Affairs for Avista Corporation (Avista or Company) and I am appearing on its behalf in this proceeding.

I make this certification and claim of confidentiality pursuant to IDAPA 31.01.01 because Avista, through its supporting workpapers, is disclosing certain information that is CONFIDENTIAL and constitutes TRADE SECRETS as defined by Idaho Code Section 9-340 and 48-801 and protected under IDAPA 31.01.01.067 and 31.01.01.233.

The printed information Avista provides will, as required under IDAPA Rule 31.01.01.067, be marked as CONFIDENTIAL, will be reproduced on any colored paper other than white, and will be provided under separate cover. The electronic information Avista provides will be reproduced separately on a compact disk (CD) and will also be marked as CONFIDENTIAL.

The confidential information that Avista is disclosing including, but is not limited to: 1) certain results providing detailed information on the Company's load and resource positions by month, 2) certain equity issuances as detailed in the January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 pro forma capital structure, 3) Risk Management Policies which contain general policies, guidelines, and position limits, and 4)

1 Interest Rate Risk Management Plan which contains policies and  
2 guidelines.

3 Avista herein asserts that the aforementioned  
4 information is confidential in that: 1) making the load and  
5 resource information public will give entities access to  
6 competitive information on future operating plans and market  
7 purchase requirements and Avista believes the information  
8 could be used to disadvantage its customers, 2) disclosing  
9 planned equity issuances may financially disadvantage the  
10 Company, 3) the Risk Management Policies and hedging  
11 practices, and 4) the Interest Rate Risk Management Plan that  
12 if shared with competitors, could also be used to disadvantage  
13 Avista's customers.

14 I am of the opinion that this information is CONFIDENTIAL,  
15 as defined by Idaho Code Sections 9-340D and 48-801, should  
16 therefore be protected from public inspection, examination and  
17 copying, and should be utilized only in accordance with the  
18 terms of the PROTECTIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN AVISTA CORPORATION  
19 AND IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION STAFF.

20 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 2017

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