

## DECISION MEMORANDUM

**TO:** COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER  
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**FROM:** BRANDON KARPEN  
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**DATE:** DECEMBER 27, 2017

**SUBJECT:** AVISTA'S ANNUAL PGA FILING, CASE NO. AVU-G-17-06

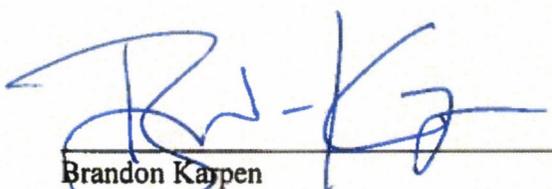
On December 26, 2017, Avista Corporation dba Avista Utilities filed its annual Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment (PGA) Application asking to *decrease* its annualized revenues by about \$3.2 million (7.4%). Application at 1.<sup>1</sup> The Company says its proposal will not affect its earnings, and will decrease rates for an average residential or small commercial customer by \$2.73 per month (6.4%). *Id.* The Company states that it issued notice of this change via news release on December 22, 2017. The Company asks that its Application be processed by Modified Procedure, and that the new rates take effect January 26, 2018. *Id.* at 1.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the case be processed through Modified Procedure, with comments due by January 17, 2018.

### COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to process this case through Modified Procedure, with all comments due by January 17, 2018?

  
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<sup>1</sup> The PGA mechanism is used to adjust rates to reflect annual changes in the Company's costs for the purchase of natural gas from suppliers – including transportation, storage, and other related costs.