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RE: Joint Petition - Additional Funding for Avista Low Income Programs

Dear Ms. Hanian:

Attached for filing with the Commission is an original and seven (7) copies of a settlement agreement entered into by and among Avista Corporation, doing business as Avista Utilities ("Avista" or "Company"), the Staff of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission ("Staff"), and the Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho ("CAPAI").

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

Sincerely,

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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT)	CASE NO.
PETITION OF AVISTA CORPORATION,)	
IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES STAFF,)	JOINT PETITION
AND COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP)	
ASSOCIATION OF IDAHO (CAPAI))	
TO INCREASE LOW-INCOME FUNDING)	
UNDER TARIFF SCHEDULES 91 AND 191))	
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AVISTA CORPORATION

(ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS)

1 I. INTRODUCTION

2 This settlement entered into by and among Avista
3 Corporation, doing business as Avista Utilities ("Avista" or
4 "Company"), the Staff of the Idaho Public Utilities
5 Commission ("Staff'), and the Community Action Partnership
6 Association of Idaho ("CAPAI"). These entities are
7 collectively referred to as the "Settling Parties". The
8 Settling Parties understand this Application is subject to
9 approval by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission ("IPUC" or
10 the "Commission").

11 I. BACKGROUND

12 On June 9, 2017, Avista filed an Application with the
13 Commission for authority to increase revenue effective
14 January 1, 2018 and January 1, 2019 for electric and natural
15 gas service in Idaho in Case Nos. 17-E-01 and 17-G-01.

16 One of the terms and conditions of the Stipulation in
17 the above referenced Case, represented in paragraph 18 of
18 the Stipulation, the Parties agreed:

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20 The Company and interested parties will meet and
21 confer to consider whether the Low Income
22 Weatherization Program and Energy Conservation
23 Education Program funding should be increased from
24 the current Commission-approved levels of \$700,000
25 and \$50,000 respectively. Discussion topics will
26 include the need for additional funding, how
27 additional funds will be used, how much additional

1 funding will be necessary, and what impact the
2 increase will have on the energy efficiency tariff
3 rider (Schedules 91 and 191) balance. If
4 participants agree that a funding increase is
5 necessary, the Company agrees to make any
6 necessary filing(s) with the Commission on or
7 before December 31, 2017.

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9 **II. AGREEMENT**

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11 After negotiating their respective positions
12 regarding a funding increase to the two aforementioned
13 programs, an agreement was reached that would include
14 \$125,000 of additional funding for Avista's Low Income
15 Weatherization Program and \$25,000 additional funding for
16 Avista's Conservation Education Program in Idaho. This
17 increase in funding has no effect on the Company's
18 approved revenue requirement in Commission Order No.
19 33953, the funding will come directly out of Avista's
20 Energy Efficiency Tariff Rider Schedules 91 and 191.

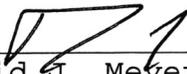
21 **III. CONCLUSION**

22 The Parties agree that this Petition is in the
23 public interest and that the additional funding for Avista's
24 Low Income Weatherization Program and Conservation Education
25 Program in Idaho are fair, just and reasonable. The Parties
26 request the additional funding be available to CAPAI March
27 1, 2018.

DATED this 10th day of February, 2018.

Avista Corporation

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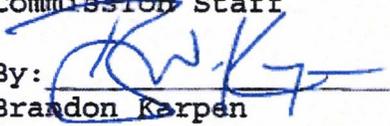
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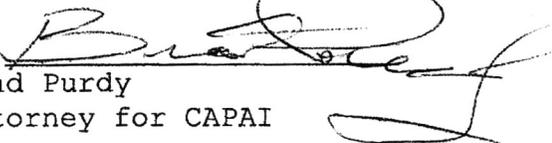
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