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February 14, 2019

Diane Hanian, Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
472 W. Washington St.
Boise, ID 83702

RE: **Motion for Approval of Stipulation and Settlement & Stipulation and Settlement in AVU-E-18-03 and AVU-G-18-02**

Enclosed for filing with the Commission are an original and seven copies of a Motion for Approval of Stipulation and Settlement and the Stipulation and Settlement by Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities (Avista), dated February 14, 2019.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed filing, please contact Karen Schuh at (509) 495-2293.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David J. Meyer", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

David J. Meyer
Vice President and Chief Counsel for Regulatory & Governmental Affairs

Enclosures

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this 14nd day of February, 2019, served the foregoing Motion to approve Stipulation and Settlement and the Stipulation and Settlement in Docket No. AVU-E-18-03 and AVU-G-18-02, upon the following parties, by mailing a copy thereof, properly addressed with postage prepaid to:

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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	
OF AVISTA CORPORATION DBA)	CASE NO. AVU-E-18-03
AVISTA UTILITIES REQUESTING)	CASE NO. AVU-G-18-02
AUTHORITY TO REVISE ITS ELECTRIC)	
AND NATURAL GAS BOOK)	
DEPRECIATION RATES)	MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF
		STIPULATION AND SETTLEMENT

COME NOW, Avista Corporation ("Avista" or "Company"), the Commission Staff, Clearwater Paper Corporation ("Clearwater"), Idaho Forest Group, LLC ("Idaho Forest"), Sierra Club, and the Idaho Conservation League ("Conservation League") and hereby move the Commission for an Order accepting the Settlement Stipulation filed herewith. RP 56; 272; 274.

This Motion is based on the following:

1. On February 23, 2018, Avista filed an Application requesting authority to revise its book depreciation rates. The Company requested authorization to revise its book depreciation rates consistent with the results of the depreciation study undertaken by the Company. That study showed that the Idaho share of annual depreciation expense recorded to O&M and A&G expense on the Company's books should be increased by approximately \$1,275,324 for electric plant and

decreased by approximately \$487,632 for natural gas plant, based on the average service life rates of plant-in-service as of December 31, 2016.

2. Petitions to intervene in this proceeding were filed by Clearwater, Idaho Forest, Sierra Club, and the Conservation League. These entities are collectively referred to as the "Parties," and represent all of the parties in the above-referenced cases.

3. Representatives of all Parties appeared at Settlement Conferences held on December 11, 2018, and January 22, 2019, which were held for the purpose of narrowing or resolving the contested issues in this proceeding. Subsequent discussions led to a Settlement Stipulation.

4. The Parties also request that the Commission expedite its consideration to allow for a proposed effective date for the terms of the Stipulation of April 1, 2019, intended to synchronize with the proposed effective date of changes in depreciation rates in Washington and Oregon.

5. The Parties recommend that the Commission grant this Motion and approve the Stipulation in its entirety, without material change or condition, pursuant to RP 274.

6. The Parties request that these cases be reviewed under modified procedure rather than a hearing under RP 202, inasmuch as all parties are in support of this Stipulation and no evidentiary hearings are necessary to resolve disputed issues of fact.

7. The Parties also move to suspend the existing procedural schedule, and substitute in its place a date of February 22, 2019, for the filing of comments by the Parties under the Modified Procedure rules of the Commission. No reply comments are envisioned.

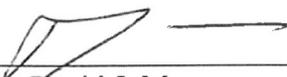
8. As noted in the Stipulation, the Parties agree that the Stipulation is in the public interest and that all of its terms and conditions are fair, just and reasonable.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties respectfully request that the Commission issue an order in Case Nos. AVU-E-18-03 and AVU-G-18-02:

1. Granting this Motion and accepting the Stipulation, in its entirety, without material change or condition, doing so under Modified Procedures; and
2. Authorizing the Company to implement revised depreciation rates effective April 1, 2019, consistent with the terms of the Stipulation

DATED this 14th day of February, 2019.

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