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Diane Hanian, Commission Secretary Idaho Public Utilities Commission W. 472 Washington Street Boise, Idaho 83720

RE: Avista Utilities 2018 Annual Report on Optional Alternative Renewable Energy

Dear Ms. Hanian:

Pursuant to Order No. 28948 in Case No. AVU-E-01-16, enclosed for filing is an original and seven (7) copies of Avista Corporation's dba Avista Utilities ("Avista" or "the Company") report on alternative energy resources offered as options to customers in 2018 under Schedule 95—Optional Renewable Power Rate. Avista Utilities' voluntary program, marketed as the "Buck-A-Block" program, for wind resources was initiated on February 1, 2002.

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Avista Utilities offers an alternative renewable energy rate in the form of a wind power option to residential and commercial electric customers in both Idaho and Washington. The program offers blocks of 300 kWh for \$1.00 each, paid in addition to their regular rates. Customers may purchase as many blocks as they would like. Customers subscribe on a monthly basis and can cancel and re-subscribe at any time by either phone, internet, or bill inserts. Avista Utilities purchases and retires renewable energy certificates to supply the program. The Company marketed the program through billing inserts, earned media, local public radio, selected fairs, solar grants and print media.

The attachment included shows the rate of customer participation, the amount of qualified alternative energy resources purchased by customers and the amount of utility investments in qualified alternative energy resources.

Please direct questions on this matter to me at (509) 495-4975 or Lisa Garrett at (509) 495-7994.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures



## **Buck-A-Block Program Summary for 2018**

\$ 246,416	73,925
2018 Blocks Sold (System)	2018 RECs Sold (System)

\$ 195,471	58,641	113,817.00	34,145	81,654	24,496
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2018 WA Blocks	2018 WA RECs (mWh)	Washington Residential Blocks	Washington Residential RECs (mWh)	Washington Commercial Blocks	Washington Commercial RECs (mWh)
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2018 ID Blocks	2018 ID RECs (mWh)	Idaho Residential Blocks	Idaho Residential RECs (mWh)	Idaho Commercial Blocks	Idaho Commercial RECs (mWh)