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VIA: Electronic Mail

Diane Hanian, Commission Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
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RE: Case No. AVU-E-19-01

Dear Ms. Hanian:

Order No. 34312 in Case No. AVU-E-19-01 extended the due date for Avista Corporation's, dba Avista Utilities' ("Avista or "the Company") 2019 electric Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) from August 30, 2019 to February 29, 2020. This extension has several implications for other filings including the capacity deficiency amount report due on October 15, 2019, and the subsequent filing of "an updated capacity deficiency amount and period for determining SAR avoided capacity cost after acknowledgment of the 2019 IRP." In response to Commission Staff's recommendation number four (4) in Case No. AVU-E-19-01, and with recent discussions with Commission Staff, Avista is filing this update regarding the capacity deficiency amount.

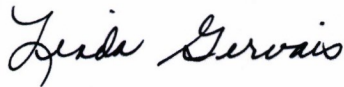
The 2017 IRP indicated a capacity deficiency beginning with the expiration of the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with the Lancaster plant in October 2026 (Page 1-1, 2017 Electric IRP). The IRP currently in development still anticipates a capacity deficiency beginning in 2026; however, this may occur earlier in 2026 depending on expectations for the continued operations of Colstrip Units 3 and 4. Colstrip can no longer serve Washington customer loads after 2025, however may still be available to serve Idaho customer loads.

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More details will be provided in the IRP when it is published in February 2020. Avista will also file an updated capacity deficiency report after acknowledgment of the 2020 IRP to establish a new deficiency date for SAR avoided capacity cost.

Please direct any questions regarding this filing to John Lyons at 509-495-8515.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Gervais".

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