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## **BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF AVISTA CORPORATION FOR THE AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES AND CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE TO ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS IN THE STATE OF IDAHO

CASE NO. AVU-E-19-04

ATTORNEY'S CERTIFICATE CLAIM OF CONFIDENTIALITY ) **RELATING TO PORTIONS** OF AVISTA'S EXHIBIT'S ) AND WORKPAPERS

1	FOR AVISTA CORPORATION
2	I, David J. Meyer, represent Avista Corporation. I am Vice President and Chief
3	Counsel for Regulatory and Governmental Affairs for Avista Corporation (Avista or
4	Company) and I am appearing on its behalf in this proceeding.
5	I make this certification and claim of confidentiality pursuant to IDAPA 31.01.01
6	because Avista, through its supporting workpapers, is disclosing certain information that
7	is CONFIDENTIAL and constitutes TRADE SECRETS as defined by Idaho Code
8	Section 9-340 and 48-801 and protected under IDAPA 31.01.01.067 and 31.01.01.233.
9	The printed information Avista provides will, as required under IDAPA Rule
10	31.01.01.067, be marked as CONFIDENTIAL, will be reproduced on any colored paper
11	other than white, and will be provided under separate cover. The electronic information
12	Avista provides will be reproduced separately on a compact disk (CD) and will also be
13	marked as CONFIDENTIAL.
14	The confidential information that Avista is disclosing includes, but is not limited
15	to: 1) certain results providing detailed information on the Company's load and resource
16	positions by month, 2) certain equity issuances as detailed in the January 1, 2020 through
17	December 31, 2020 pro forma capital structure, 3) Risk Management Policies which
18	contain general policies, guidelines, and position limits, and 4) Interest Rate Risk
19	Management Plan which contains policies and guidelines.
20	Avista herein asserts that the aforementioned information is confidential in that:
21	1) making the load and resource information public will give entities access to
22	competitive information on future operating plans and market purchase requirements and

## ATTORNEY'S CERTIFICATE - 1

Avista believes the information could be used to disadvantage its customers, 2)
 disclosing planned equity issuances may financially disadvantage the Company, 3) the
 Risk Management Policies and hedging practices, and the Interest Rate Risk
 Management Plan, if shared with competitors, could also be used to disadvantage
 Avista's customers.

I am of the opinion that this information is CONFIDENTIAL, as defined by Idaho
Code Sections 9-340D and 48-801, should therefore be protected from public inspection,
examination and copying, and should be utilized only in accordance with the terms of the
PROTECTIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN AVISTA CORPORATION AND PARTIES
WHO HAVE REQUESTED SUCH AN AGREEMENT.

11 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 2019

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