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Jan Noriyuki, Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
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RE: Case No. GNR-E-21-01 Application to update inputs to the "Surrogate Avoided Resource" method avoided cost rates.

Dear Ms. Noriyuki:

Avista Corporation dba Avista Utilities (Avista or the Company) provides the following reply comments pursuant to Order No. 35020 in Case No. GNR-E-21-01 regarding Commission Staff's application to update inputs to the "Surrogate Avoided Resource" method avoided cost rates.

Avista appreciates Commission Staff's thorough review and agrees with Staff's proposal to update the natural gas forecast in the SAR Method model using the "reference case" natural gas price forecast. The Company also supports Staff's recommendation to update Avista's wind integration charges in the SAR Method model to reflect Avista's current wind penetration, as approved in Order No. 30500.

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

Sincerely,

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