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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSION)
STAFF'S PETITION TO UPDATE INPUTS)
TO THE COLSTRIP METHOD AND TO) **NO. AVU-E-20-04/IPC-E-20-24**
DISCONTINUE THE SUMAS METHOD)
) COMMENTS OF AVISTA
) CORPORATION
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Avista Corporation ("Avista" or "Company"), in accordance with RP 201, et seq., the applicable provisions of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 ("PURPA"), and the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's ("Commission") Notice of Modified Procedure in this matter, Order No. 34674, hereby respectfully submits the following Comments.

On May 14, 2020, Commission Staff filed a Petition requesting a Commission Order to implement an updated avoided cost based on the Colstrip Method for determining the adjustable portion of avoided cost rates under PURPA. The Colstrip Method was established by the Commission in Order No. 28708.

The Company has reviewed Commission Staff's revision to the adjustable portion of the avoided cost rate for existing PURPA contracts that utilize the Colstrip Method. Avista agrees that the calculations used by the Staff for Avista are consistent with

Commission Order No. 28708. Avista agrees the Commission should discontinue pricing requirements specific to the Sumas Method.

Respectfully submitted this 15th day of June 2020.

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