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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION) CASE NO. AVU-G-21-04
OF AVISTA CORPORATION FOR AN)
ORDER APPROVING A CHANGE) ATTORNEY'S CERTIFICATE
IN NATURAL GAS RATES AND CHARGES) CLAIM OF
TO NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS IN THE) CONFIDENTIALITY
STATE OF IDAHO) RELATING TO PORTIONS
) OF AVISTA'S EXHIBIT'S
) AND WORKPAPERS
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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 electronic information Avista provides will, as required under IDAPA Rule
10 31.01.01.067, be marked as CONFIDENTIAL on all documents. In accordance with
11 Case No. GNR-U-20-01, Order No. 34602 which suspends the requirement to physically
12 file documents due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Company will file all work papers,
13 tariffs, and exhibits only in electronic format.

14 The confidential information that Avista is disclosing includes, but is not limited
15 to certain forward wholesale natural gas pricing which is provided by a third-party
16 vendor, who does not allow public access to their proprietary information. Avista herein
17 asserts that the aforementioned information is confidential in that making third-party
18 pricing data public will violate the terms of our agreement with the vendor.

19 I am of the opinion that this information is CONFIDENTIAL, as defined by
20 Idaho Code Sections 9-340D and 48-801, should therefore be protected from public
21 inspection, examination and copying, and should be utilized only in accordance with the
22 terms of the protective agreement between Avista Corporation and Parties who have
23 requested such an agreement.

