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Attention Filing Center:

RE: Docket No. UG-288
Natural Gas Decoupling Mechanism
Quarterly Report

Please find the CONFIDENTIAL copy of Avista's Natural Gas Decoupling Mechanism Quarterly Report.

The report consists of spreadsheets showing the monthly revenue deferral calculations for October, November and December 2016, including use-per-customer data for existing and new customers. Also included in the report are the monthly general ledger balances resulting from the deferral and amortization activity during the 4th quarter of 2016.

The Company has not released its earnings for 2016, therefore, we are asking that the financial information contained in these reports be treated CONFIDENTIAL.

Questions regarding this filing should be directed to Tara Knox at (509) 495-4325.

Sincerely,

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Patrick Ehrbar
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