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RE: Avista Corp. Letter of Support for EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant

This letter is respectfully submitted in support of your grant application, *Accelerating Washington State's Climate Commitments: A Bold & Inclusive Path to Net Zero Emissions*, for the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program's (CPRG) Implementation Grants through the lifetime of the project period (up to five years after funds are awarded).

If awarded, as part of this grant Avista would support a robust, multi-year project in partnership with the City of Spokane, that would enable electrifying 87 vehicles representing over 90% of their light-duty fleet. In addition to eliminating local tailpipe emissions and significantly reducing transportation costs for the City of Spokane, the project would demonstrate the viability of integrating fleet vehicles with the grid at scale, serving as a model for the region and at the national level. Furthermore, local grid upgrade costs may be minimized, and backup power may be provided to critical community services in the event of extended power outages, through optimized load management and vehicle-to-grid integration (VGI) technologies. Avista would leverage its authorized and proven commercial charging installation programs to contribute an estimated \$587,294, unreimbursed, toward utility

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power supply and charging infrastructure costs. Grant funding would reimburse Avista for additional infrastructure costs and VGI systems totaling \$5,255,294 over the five-year implementation period.

Avista, based in Spokane, WA, is an integrated electric and gas utility serving a population of 1.6 million people in Eastern Washington, Northern Idaho, and parts of Southern and Eastern Oregon. For more information, please see our website at www.myavista.com/transportation for a copy of Avista's Transportation Electrification (TE) Plan, which highlights the Company's experience, capabilities and commitment to support TE over the long term. It also emphasizes the importance of partnerships with industry innovators, communities, fleet electrification, and vehicle-to-grid integration efforts. This grant opportunity is fully aligned with our direction, and we very much appreciate the opportunity to partner with the City of Spokane in electrifying their vehicle fleets while providing benefits to the grid, the economy and the environment.

Sincerely,



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