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May 23, 2011

Mr. David Danner
Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW
P. O. Box 47250
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

RE: Avista Corporation Affiliated Interest Filing (Cash Management Policy) pursuant to RCW 80.16.020.

Dear Mr. Danner:

Pursuant to WAC 480-100-245 and WAC 480-90-245, the Company submits an original and two copies of the amended Cash Management Guidelines and Procedures document. The Cash Management Guidelines and Procedures document has been updated to reflect the new terms of the Company's new credit facility.

In February 2011, Avista Corp. entered into a new committed line of credit in the total amount of \$400 million with an expiration date of February 2015. The new credit facility was provided February 12, 2011 under the compliance filing to Docket UE-101544.

Attached is a copy of the Cash Management Guidelines and Procedures document that will not become effective until after this Commission and FERC have had an opportunity to review.

Please direct any questions regarding this filing to Liz Andrews at (509) 495-8601.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelly O. Norwood".

Kelly O. Norwood
Vice President, State and Federal Regulation
Enclosure

Avista Corp. Cash Management Guidelines and Procedures

In order to efficiently manage cash at the corporate and subsidiary levels, minimize borrowing costs and maximize investment returns, the following procedures should be followed regarding cash management activity between Avista Corp, Avista Capital and Avista Capital Subsidiaries (excluding Advantage IQ who manages their cash in accordance with their cash management investment guidelines):

I. Investment/Borrowing Policies

All excess subsidiary company cash will be managed at the Avista Corp. level. Cash will be transferred to the subsidiaries through Avista Capital to cover payables according to the guidelines set below. (Note: A Master Promissory Note in effect for any Subsidiary will supercede these guidelines.)

1. Avista Capital may maintain a money market account with a maximum balance of \$1,000,000. This account may be used to fund subsidiary payables. Avista Capital cash balances over \$1,000,000 and up to the outstanding loan balance will be transferred to Avista Corp as a payment against the outstanding borrowings on the loan between Avista Corp and Avista Capital.
2. Avista Capital may borrow from Avista Corp. to cover subsidiary company cash needs in accordance with board-approved limits. Avista Capital may loan excess funds to Avista Corp upon receipt of appropriate approvals. Regulatory restrictions should be considered prior to transferring funds between the utility and non-regulated subsidiaries. The current guidance in Washington is WAC 480-100-244 and in Oregon it is Order No. 07-297.
3. Unless specifically stated in a master promissory note, all loans between companies are unsecured.
4. Subsidiaries with cash deficits may borrow from Avista Capital. Borrowings will be in accordance with each company's board-approved limits. Subsidiaries will repay or loan excess funds to Avista Capital.
5. Investment/Borrowing Rates Between Avista Corp. and Avista Capital:
 - a) Upon receiving appropriate approvals, excess Avista Capital cash may be invested with (loaned to) Avista Corp. at a rate equal to Avista Corp.'s avoided short-term borrowing cost currently estimated at the one-month LIBOR plus 130 basis points (this is the short-term borrowing rate related to Avista Corp.'s credit facility). The rate will be reset monthly with the LIBOR rate in effect on the second business day of each month.

At times Avista Corp may have no outstanding borrowings under the credit facility. If there are no outstanding borrowings under the credit facility, excess cash should be utilized to pay down borrowings on other short-term borrowing instruments (if any) and the borrowing rate should be adjusted to the avoided short-term borrowing rate applicable to the borrowings that were re-paid.

At times, Avista Corp may have no outstanding cash borrowings on the credit facility or other short-term borrowing facilities. If there are no cash borrowings under any facility, excess cash should be invested at the subsidiary until the funds can be utilized.

- b) Avista Capital may borrow from Avista Corp., subject to board-approved limits, at a rate equal to at least the Prime rate plus 30 basis points. This rate will be reset at such time as the Agent bank on the Avista Corp. credit agreement changes the Prime rate or the margin is changed per the

credit facility pricing grid. If an Alternate Base Rate (as defined in the credit facility) is in effect, the borrowing rate would be adjusted accordingly.

6. Investment/Borrowing Rates Between Avista Capital and Subsidiary Companies:
Subsidiaries of Avista Capital which are wholly-owned and are not expected to seek outside investors within the next two years will not be charged interest on borrowings or receive interest on invested funds with Avista Capital. The following interest rate guidelines apply to all other subsidiaries:
 - a) Subsidiary companies will borrow from Avista Capital at a rate equal to at least the Prime rate plus 30 basis points. This rate will be reset at such time as the Prime rate is changed by the Agent bank on the Avista Corp. credit agreement changes the Prime rate or the margin is changed per the credit facility pricing grid. If an Alternate Base Rate (as defined in the credit facility) is in effect, the borrowing rate would be adjusted accordingly.
 - b) Subsidiary company cash invested with (loaned to) Avista Capital will be at a rate equal to Avista Corp.'s avoided short-term borrowing cost, currently estimated at the one-month LIBOR plus 130 basis points. The rate will be reset monthly with the LIBOR rate in effect on the second business day of each month.
7. The Avista Corp. subsidiary accountant will maintain daily interest schedules of all borrowings and repayments between all subsidiary companies. Documentation will include the date and amount of the borrowing or repayment, the maturity date, if any, the applicable interest rate, and daily balances of all outstanding loans.

II. Subsidiary Cash Management Guidelines

1. Cash Balances
Subsidiary companies will keep a maximum of \$50,000 cash balance per book in their checking accounts at any time. Accurate up-to-date "checkbook" balances must be maintained and deposit information should be updated when funds are received. This information is available currently via Wells Fargo Commercial Electronic Office reports or through the Cash Manager for Avista Corp. Excess balances resulting from large deposits should be transferred to Avista Capital for investment or to pay down loan balances. Transfers of excess cash to Avista Capital may be incorporated in the weekly funding request for payables. Please contact the Avista Corp. Subsidiary Accountant for details.
2. Accounts Payable Check Runs
Subsidiaries should normally plan to do one check run per week. Manual checks outside of the check run are discouraged except in emergency situations. To receive maximum float on our funds, checks should be mailed on Friday.
3. Funding Requests from Avista Capital
Estimated funding requests must be submitted by email to the Subsidiary Accountant by 3:00 pm Friday for funding the following Monday. (Please cc: to the Avista Corp. Cash Manager) The funding request should indicate what expenses are included in the request for funding.
Actual funding requests (based on that estimate) for check runs must be received by 9:00 am on Monday for checks mailed on the prior working day. Funding requests should be submitted by e-mail to the Subsidiary Accountant at Avista Corp. Voucher must be signed by an authorized subsidiary representative. Funds will not be transferred without proper signatures.

Please note: For funding requests over \$2 million, please notify the Avista Corp. cash manager of the due date as far in advance as possible.
4. Emergency Checks Due Before Next Check Run

Checks written outside of the normal check run should be funded one business day after they are mailed, or the same day as written if hand delivered. If funding for these checks is required from Avista Capital, the request for funds must be made by telephone to the Subsidiary Accountant, followed by a fax/e-mail request received by 3:00 p.m. the day before the funds transfer. Funding requests must be signed by an authorized subsidiary representative. Same day transfer of funds over \$50,000 may be accommodated but cannot be guaranteed. Please contact Subsidiary Accountant or Cash Manager for availability of same day funds.

5. Wire Transfers

Amounts payable over \$500,000 should be paid by electronic transfer on the due date. The Voucher request for wire payment and funding request (if needed) should be received by the Subsidiary Accountant by 3:00 p.m. on the day prior to the due date. These wire transfer amounts should be included in the weekly advance estimates due at 3:00 on Friday. (See item 3 above.) Voucher requests for wire transfers must be accompanied by an approved cash approval request.

All funding requests from subsidiaries, whose accounting function is not done at the corporate offices, must be approved by an authorized person at the subsidiary.

6. Intercompany payments

Intercompany payments between Avista Corp, Avista Capital and all Subsidiaries should be made electronically. This includes payments for work orders, payroll and taxes.

These cash management guidelines and procedures will be reviewed at least annually, and at the time the Avista Corp. bank credit agreement is renewed.

Approved:

By: _____

Treasurer – Avista Corp.