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Attention: Ms. Carole Washburn, Executive Secretary

Re: Avista Natural Gas Rate Case (Docket # UG-041515):
Avista's Acceptance of Conditions Relating to the Grant of Short-term Implementation of Rates

To Commission Secretary Washburn:

In its Order No. UG-041515 granting approval for the short-term implementation of the proposed settlement rates, the Commission set forth certain conditions requiring Avista's assent. By this letter, Avista advises the Commission that it agrees to the proposed hearing schedule set forth in the Order, and that it will agree to a 90-day extension of the suspension date if the proposed settlement is rejected or otherwise does not become effective. Finally, Avista understands and agrees that the increase is subject to refund to the extent that the rate eventually approved is lower than the short-term rate.

Very truly yours,

David J. Meyer

VP, Chief Counsel for

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cc: Judge Wallis

See attached service list

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have served copies of Avista's Acceptance of Conditions Relating to the Grant of Short-term Implementation of Rates, via e-mail and by mailing a copy thereof, postage prepaid to the following:

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