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November 16, 2000

**COMMENT ON COMPLIANCE FILING
RETURN OF CENTRALIA GAIN
(November 20, 2000)**

Re: Avista Rate Case
Docket Nos. UE-991606, UG-991607

TO PARTIES OF RECORD:

On October 23, 2000, Avista filed "First Revision Sheet 56" which provides for a two-month billing credit to refund to its customers their portion of the gain on Avista's sale of its share of the Centralia power plant. On November 15, 2000, Avista filed a modification to Sheet 56 that would provide bill credits to its large industrial and commercial customers, replacing its earlier proposal to issue refund checks to these customers. In the cover letter to this filing, Avista asked the Commission to issue a compliance order regarding the Centralia gain before November 23, 2000. Both filings were served on all parties to the Avista rate case.

On November 16, 2000, the Commission's staff filed a letter with the Commission indicating that Staff has analyzed Avista's compliance filing, and agrees that it meets the Commission's requirements.

The Commission is expediting this request for comments in an attempt to accommodate Avista's request for a compliance order before November 23, 2000. If any party has any objection to Avista's compliance filing, please file comments reflecting those concerns no later than 9:00 a.m. on Monday, November 20, 2000.

Thank you for your early response. Comments, or letter indicating lack of objection, may be filed electronically.

Very truly yours,

MARJORIE R. SCHAER
Administrative Law Judge

