February 4, 2003

Michael Faulkenberry, P.E. Chief Gas Engineer Avista Utilities Corporation East 1411 Mission Spokane, Washington 99220

Dear Mr. Faulkenberry:

Subject: Request for Waiver of 49 CFR 192.321(a)

The Western Region Office of Pipeline Safety has approved your request for a waiver from compliance with 49 CFR Part 192.321(a) to install an above ground steel encased PE main on the underside of the Argonne Road Bridge over the Spokane River located in Spokane Washington. Attached is a copy of the OPS letter of approval for your records.

Sincerely,

Scott Rukke Pipeline Safety Engineer

Enclosure