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*VIA – Electronic Mail*

March 9, 2012

Dave Danner

Executive Director and Secretary

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

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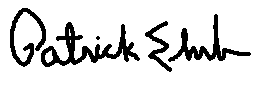
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Re: Compliance Filing Docket No. UG-120195 – News Release

Dear Mr. Danner:

In compliance with Order 01 in the above referenced docket, Avista Utilities submits for filing a copy of the Company’s news release sent out on March 1, 2012. Avista serves approximately 149,000 natural gas customers in the state of Washington that may be affected by the rate decrease.

Please direct any questions on this matter to me at (509) 495-8620.

Sincerely,

Patrick Ehrbar

Manager, Rates & Tariffs

Enclosures