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VIA – Electronic Mail

March 9, 2012

Dave Danner
Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
PO Box 47250
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick Ehrbar". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Patrick Ehrbar
Manager, Rates & Tariffs

Enclosures