

January 24, 2001

Carole Washburn, Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 Evergreen Park Drive S.W.
Olympia, WA 98504

Re: Docket No. U-991301, Tariffs Rulemaking

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment in the tariff rule revisions in the above-cited docket. Avista Utilities has reviewed the proposed revisions and has no specific modifications to provide at this time.

The Company continues to believe that electronic tariff filings and related rules, as discussed at the technical workshop, merits continued examination. Avista remains available to share our experience with electronic filings in other states.

Please direct any questions on this matter to Bruce Folsom at (509) 495-8706.

Sincerely,

Thomas D. Dukich
Director, Rates and Regulation