May 7, 2012

David W. Danner, Executive Director and Secretary

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

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RE: *Avista Corporation 2012 General Rate Case*

 Dockets UE-120436 and UG-120437 (consolidated)

Dear Mr. Danner:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket is the original Notice of Appearance on Behalf of Commission Staff signed by Michael A. Fassio, and Certificate of Service. Mr. Fassio will be acting as co-counsel with Mr. Trotter.

Sincerely,

KRISTA L. GROSS

Legal Assistant to Donald T. Trotter

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Enclosures

cc: Parties