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August 16, 2005

Carole Washburn, Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S. W.
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Avista Utilities respectfully requests an extension of the filing deadline for the upcoming natural gas Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) from December 31, 2005 to March 31, 2006. The Company makes this request to better align the IRP filing expectations in Avista's three state service territory. A delay will better serve the Company's stakeholder interests as some participants in the IRP process have requested a delay. This extension will allow for greater public involvement, and should result in a more robust IRP.

By making this request, the Company understands that if granted, this request will not affect future IRP time schedules and filings.

Please call Linda Gervais at (509) 495-4975 or Kevin Christie at (509) 495-2001 regarding questions on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bruce Folsom'.

Bruce Folsom
Manager, Regulatory Compliance