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Kelly Norwood
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**Re: Acknowledging Receipt of Decoupling Evaluation Report
Docket No. UG-060518**

Dear Mr. Norwood:

This letter acknowledges that Avista Corporation (Avista) timely filed its required "Evaluation of Avista Natural Gas Decoupling Mechanism Pilot" and supporting exhibits on March 31, 2009. We note that the evaluation documentation was filed in accordance with the terms of Order 05 in this matter.

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) appreciates the company's efforts in ensuring a timely submission of this report. At this time, the Commission offers no comment on the substance of the evaluation, but we will initiate our review of the report.

Sincerely,

David Danner
Executive Director and Secretary