BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Request of

AVISTA CORPORATION

For An Order Establishing Compliance with Chapter 80.08 RCW

DOCKET NO. UE-011475

ORDER ESTABLISHING COMPLIANCE WITH RCW 80.08.040

BACKGROUND

- On October 31, 2001, Avista Corporation (Avista), filed an application with the Commission under the provisions of chapter 80.08 RCW for an order establishing compliance with the requirements of that statute. The filing concerns Avista's proposed offering, issuance, and sale of securities of a maximum amount of \$83,700,000, in connection with the refunding or conversion of certain obligations relating to pollution control bonds issued by the City of Forsyth, Montana, the proceeds of which have been loaned to Avista.
- Avista has filed certain information with the Commission as required under RCW 80.08.040 and has requested the Commission to enter an order stating that Avista and the proposed offering, issuance, and sale of securities by Avista comply with the requirements of chapter 80.08 RCW.
- This matter was brought before the Commission at its November 28, 2001, regularly scheduled open meeting. The Commissioners, having been fully advised in the matter, and having determined the following order to be consistent with RCW 80.08.040 directed the Secretary to enter the following order and related provisions.

FINDINGS

4 THE COMMISSION FINDS:

- 5 (1) Avista, a Washington corporation, is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission under the provisions of chapter 80.08 RCW.
- As to form, the application herein meets the requirements of chapter 80.08 RCW and the rules and regulations of the Commission adopted pursuant thereto.
- 7 (3) The application in this docket contains: (a) a description of the purposes for which the proposed securities will be issued along with certification by an authorized officer that the proceeds from this financing will be used for the purpose allowed by

chapter 80.08 RCW; (b) a description of the proposed issuance, including the terms of financing; and (c) a statement as to why the proposed transactions are in the public interest.

An order finding the application and the proposed offering, issuance, and sale of securities by Avista comply with the requirements of chapter 80.08 RCW should be entered.

ORDER

- 9 THE COMMISSION ORDERS:
- 10 (1) The application filed by Avista Corporation, and the proposed offering, issuance, and sale of securities by Avista Corporation as described in the application comply with the requirements of chapter 80.08 RCW.
- 11 (2) Avista Corporation shall file, as soon as available:
 - (a) The report of securities transactions required by WAC 480-146-340.
 - (b) Verified copies of any agreement entered into in connection with any transaction pursuant to this order.
- This order shall in no way affect the authority of this Commission over rates, service, accounts, valuations, estimates or determination of costs, or any matters whatsoever that may come before it, nor shall anything herein be construed as an acquiescence in any estimate or determination of costs, or any valuation of property claimed or asserted.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 29th day of November, 2001.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary