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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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Attention: Mr. David Danner, Executive Director and Secretary

RE: Avista Corporation – Petition for the Deferral of Lancaster Generating Facility Costs

Attached for filing with the Commission are the original and 17 copies of a Petition for the Deferral of Lancaster Generating Facility Costs. Paragraph 230 of Order 10 issued December 22, 2009 in Dockets UE-090134 and UG-090135 requires that an accounting petition be filed by Avista related to Lancaster.

Please direct any questions on this matter to Bill Johnson at 509.495.4046.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelly Norwood".

Kelly Norwood
Vice President, State & Federal Regulation

Enclosure

c: See attached service list

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I **HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have served the attached Petition for the Deferral of Lancaster Generating Facility Costs upon the persons and entities listed on the Service List below by electronic mail and mailing a copy thereof, postage prepaid to the following:

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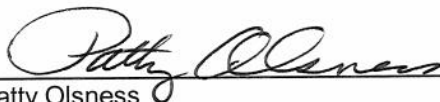
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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated at Spokane, Washington this 8th day of January, 2010.



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