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June 15, 2001

Carole Washburn, Secretary  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W.  
Olympia, WA 98504

Re: Docket No. UE-990473,  
Electric Operation Rulemaking

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the rules in the above-cited docket. During a review of the proposed rules, it has come to our attention that two words ("for nonpayment") were deleted from the previous rules. We believe that dropping these words were inadvertent such that there was, to our knowledge, no discussion to this effect. Avista proposes that the following rule incorporate the proposed edits as shown.

WAC 480-100-123 (5) Refusal of Service

(5) The utility may not refuse service to a residential applicant or residential customer who has three or fewer prior obligations in any one calendar year. A prior obligation is the dollar amount the utility has billed to the customer and for which the utility has not received payment at the time the service has been disconnected for nonpayment.

We propose this change at this time to avoid ambiguity that may occur at a later date without this clarification.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. Please direct any questions on this matter to Bruce Folsom at (509) 495-8706 or Renee Webb at (509) 495-7987.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas D. Dukich".

Thomas D. Dukich  
Manager, Rates and Tariff Administration

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