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Mark Sidran, Chairman
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
PO Box 47250
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Re: Docket No. UE-060273 –Application of Avista Corporation d/b/a/ Avista Utilities for an Order Approving a Corporate Reorganization to Create a Holding Company, AVA Formation Corp.

Dear Chairman Sidran:

On February 16, 2006, Avista Corporation (Avista) filed the above-referenced application with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC). Avista filed a similar application with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission and an application for an order disclaiming jurisdiction or approving the transaction with the Montana Public Service Commission (MTPSC).

Recent events have demonstrated the importance of business organization and structure in protecting the public interest. Avista serves a very small number of customers in Montana. The MTPSC is concerned both about the effect of this proposed transaction on the public interest and about the imposition of unreasonable burdens on Avista. The MTPSC would like to track closely the proceeding before your commission. Would you please provide the MTPSC copies of documents filed and orders issued in this docket (or notification of posting the same on the WUTC website)? Is there a way by which the MTPSC can subscribe to the docket as an interested person?

Thank you for your prompt attention to these matters. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Greg Jergeson
Chairman

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