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Carole Washburn  
Executive Secretary  
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission  
1300 S. Evergreen Pk. Dr. S.W.  
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Re: In the Matter of the Petition of Avista Corporation, d/b/a Avista Utilities,  
For Continuation of the Company's Energy Recovery Mechanism, With Certain  
Modifications  
Docket No. UE-060181

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Enclosed please find the originals and twelve copies each of the protective order agreement of Merton Lott for filing in the above-entitled docket.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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