April 18, 2005

Carole J. Washburn, Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW P. O. Box 47250 Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

Re: In the Matter of the Request of Avista Corp. d/b/a Avista Utilities for a General Rate Increase of \$35.8 Million (12.52 percent) Docket No. UE-050482/UG-050483

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket are the original and 10 copies of Staff's Notice of Appearance, and Certificate of Service.

Very truly yours,

CHRISTOPHER SWANSON Assistant Attorney General

CS:tmw Enclosures cc: Parties