BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

- TO: CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, Washington, 98504-7250; and
- 2 TO: PARTIES OF RECORD
- PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE UNDERSIGNED hereby enter their appearance as counsel for the Staff of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission in the above-entitled matter, specifically reserving all rights including those relating to jurisdiction.

Dated: April 15, 2005

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