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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES &
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DOCKET NOs. UE-991606 &
UG-991607

Exhibit No. ____ (NEH-2),
Company Response to Record Request 0013:
Certification of Wood Waste Suppliers for Kettle Falls

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DOCKET NO. <u>UE-991606</u>		
EXHIBIT # <u>651</u>		
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**AVISTA UTILITIES
RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

JURISDICTION:	Washington	DATE PREPARED:	4/13/2000
CASE NO:	UE-991606		
	UG-991607	WITNESS:	Thomas Dukich
REQUESTER:	NWEC	RESPONDER:	Bill Johnson
TYPE:	Record Request	DEPT:	Resource Optimization
DUE DATE:		TELEPHONE:	(509) 495-4724
REQUEST NO.:	0013	FIELD AUDIT:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

REQUEST:

A.) Does Avista encourage the fuel suppliers for the Kettle Falls Woodwaste Plant to follow the guidelines of the Forest Stewardship Council?

B.) To the extent you can determine, which of Avista's fuel suppliers for the Kettle Falls Woodwaste Plant are following the guidelines of the Forest Stewardship Council.

RESPONSE:

The two primary programs concerning environmental forestry are the "Sustainable Forestry Initiative" (SFI) and the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC).

Avista does not specify, in any of its contracts, that wood residuals for the Kettle Falls Generating Station must be from either "FSC" or "SFI" certified forests or suppliers. Avista does, however, receive wood from several suppliers who have, or are in the process of receiving, SFI certification.

The FSC is an international organization. In addition to supporting many of the same goals as the SFI, the FSC incorporates some ecological, social and economic aspects of forest management. Avista understands that, to date, the FSC hasn't approved its goals and practices for the British Columbia interior. This effectively makes the FSC non-functional in BC. Based upon fuel types eligible for forest certification and 1999 deliveries, this impacts approximately 59% of Avista's Kettle Falls fuel volumes.

Of the remaining 41% eligible for certification, Avista was unable to identify anyone belonging to, or certified by, the FSC. Avista understands, however, that many of the remaining suppliers belong to, or are undergoing, SFI certification.