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David Danner, Executive Secretary and Director Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission P.O. Box 47250 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W. Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: 2011 Essential Utilities Services Contracts Annual Report

Dear Mr. Danner:

Pursuant to WAC 480-100-268 and WAC 480-90-268, enclosed for filing are an original and twelve copies of Avista's 2011 Essential Utilities Services Contracts Annual Report. Pursuant to WAC 480-07-160, the Company requests that this filing be treated as "CONFIDENTIAL" material. The Company has identified and marked the report as confidential and printed it on yellow paper under seal in a separate envelope marked "CONFIDENTIAL." The proprietary information relates to prices contained in the specified contracts that if not accorded confidential treatment would adversely affect the Company, customers and vendors. Also attached is the redacted version of the report.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please feel free to contact me at (509) 495-4975.

Sincerely,

/s/Línda Gervaís/

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