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Mr. David Lykken
Senior Pipeline Engineer
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: December 27th, 2008 Reportable Incident, Avista Utilities
206 N. Birch St., Odessa, WA, Lincoln County

Attn: Mr. Al Jones

Dear Mr. Lykken,

Al Jones requested that I provide you with an update on the status of the referenced incident, our plans regarding future testing of the damaged pipe and information regarding how the pipe is being safely stored.

Dawn Donahoo, Avista Claims Representative, has informed me that Roger Reyes, the gentlemen injured in the fire, now has obtained an attorney. She expects activity in this case to begin proceeding. Prior to Roger retaining an attorney, he has not been inclined to talk with Avista.

Avista does plan to have the pipe evaluated, but has been waiting in order to coordinate this with Roger's attorney.

Finally, Avista has the damaged pipe safely stored in Avista's Evidence Locker located at our corporate headquarters at 1411 E. Mission St., Spokane, WA. This is a secured, temperature controlled environment with access allowed only by Dawn or Linda Clifton, another Avista Claims representative.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (509) 495-8499.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Faulkenberry".

Michael J. Faulkenberry
Chief Gas Engineer

Cc: Engineering Correspondence File

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