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David Danner
Executive Director
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RE: Avista Utilities Smart Grid Technology Report

Dear Mr. Danner:

In response to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission's (UTC) General Order R-559 in Docket No. U-090222, and WAC 480-100-505 (Smart Grid Technology Report), Avista Corporation dba Avista Utilities ("Avista or the Company") submits its first compliance report that summarizes current and planned smart grid activities for the reporting period 2010. The report is being provided in separate email from the Appendices due to the **CONFIDENTIAL** nature of those documents. The original is being provided via overnight mail. If you have any questions regarding this report, please feel free to contact me at 509-495-4975.

Sincerely,

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