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July 19, 2012

Don Kopczynski
Vice President, Energy
Avista Utilities Corporation
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Dear Mr. Kopczynski:

**RE: 2012 Natural Gas Distribution Integrity Management Program (DIMP) Inspection -
Avista Utilities Corporation, Headquarters**

Staff from the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (staff) conducted a Distribution Integrity Management Program (DIMP) inspection on July 10 and 11, 2012 of Avista Utilities Corporation, Headquarters (Avista). The inspection included a review of your Distribution Integrity Management programs and associated records.

No apparent violations were noted as a result of the inspection.

For efficiency and other reasons, the UTC staff conducted this inspection jointly with representatives from the Oregon Public Commission and Idaho Public Utilities. However, as you are aware, each of these commissions has separate gas pipeline safety jurisdiction over Avista and each commission will make its own decision regarding the exercise of that jurisdiction regarding this inspection. Therefore, this letter is from the State of Washington, Utilities and Transportation Commission only.

Staff would like to thank Avista's personnel for their professionalism and cooperation during this inspection.

If you have any questions, or if we may be of any assistance, please contact Patti Johnson at (360) 664-1266. Please refer to the subject matter described above in any future correspondence pertaining to this inspection.

Sincerely,

David D. Lykken
Pipeline Safety Director

cc: Mike Faulkenberry, Chief Gas Engineer, Avista

