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Don Kopczynski
Vice President, Energy Delivery
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Dear Mr. Kopczynski:

RE: 2013 Natural Gas Public Awareness Follow Up Inspection– Avista Headquarters

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Staff (staff) with the Oregon Public Utility Commission and the Idaho Public Utilities Commission conducted a Public Awareness follow up inspection of Avista Utilities Corporation (Avista) on May 7 – 8, 2013. The inspection included a review of Avista's new Public Awareness Program.

Based on this review, staff concludes that the new program meets 49 CFR 192 Public Awareness program requirements with the exception of the effectiveness evaluation requirements. These requirements will require time to allow the impact of recent program activities to be evaluated. The effectiveness' evaluation is expected to be completed in the 4th quarter of 2013. Early in 2014 a follow up audit will be performed to ensure that Section 4 (effectiveness evaluation) of Avista's Public Awareness Program comply with pipeline safety regulations.

If you have questions, or if we may be of any assistance, please contact Patti Johnson at (360) 870-4915.

Sincerely,

David D. Lykken
Pipeline Safety Director

cc: Mike Faulkenberry, Chief Gas Engineer, Avista

