

## UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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## **CERTIFIED MAIL**

April 21, 2017

Heather Rosentrater Vice President, Energy Delivery Avista Utilities Corporation 1411 East Mission PO Box 3727 Spokane, WA 99220-3727

Dear Ms. Rosenstrater:

RE: <u>2017 Natural Gas Public Awareness Program Effectiveness Inspection – Avista Corporation – Headquarters (Insp. No. 7301)</u>

Staff from the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (staff) conducted a Public Awareness inspection on March 28, of the Avista Corporation Headquarters (Avista). The inspection included a review of the Public Awareness Program (PAP) and associated records.

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. Therefore, each commission will make its own decision regarding the exercise of jurisdiction for this inspection. This letter pertains to the jurisdiction of the State of Washington, Utilities and Transportation Commission only.

No apparent violations were noted as a result of the inspection, therefore this inspection will be closed as of April 21.

Staff thanks 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 Anthony Dorrough at (360) 664-1318.

Sincerely,

Alan E. Rathbun

Pipeline Safety Director

cc: Mike Faulkenberry, Director of Natural Gas, Avista