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**RE: 2022 Natural Gas Annual Review Inspection – Avista Corporation – Avista HQ –
(Insp. No. 8416)**

Dear Ms. Rosentrater:

Staff from the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (staff) conducted an Annual Review inspection of Avista Corporation (Avista) HQ on 8/09/22. This inspection included a review of select records and safety program updates related to operations and maintenance, integrity management, emergency plans, and other procedures.

Our inspection indicates 1 area of concern as noted in the enclosed report, which unless corrected, could potentially lead to future violation of state and/or federal pipeline safety rules.

Your response needed

Please review the attached report and respond in writing by September 13, 2022. Your response should include how and when you plan to bring the area of concern into full compliance.

What happens after you respond to this letter?

The attached report presents staff's decision on the area of concern and does not constitute a finding of probable violation by the staff at this time if the issue is resolved within 90 days of discovery.

If this issue is not resolved within 90 days, this matter may result in the issuance of a notice of probable violation.

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If you have any questions or if we may be of any assistance, please contact Anthony Dorrrough at (360) 664-4035. Please refer to the subject matter described above in any future correspondence pertaining to this inspection.

Sincerely,

Sean C. Mayo
Pipeline Safety Director

cc: Brian Schultz, Manager of Natural Gas Pipeline Integrity and Compliance, Avista
Jody Morehouse, Director of Natural Gas, Avista
Randy Bareither, Pipeline Safety Engineer, Avista

UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
2022 Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Inspection
Avista Corporation-HQ

The following area of concern located within WAC 480-93-250 was noted as a result of the 2022 Annual Review inspection of the Avista Corporation - HQ. The inspection included a random selection of records related to operations and maintenance (O&M), emergency response, and integrity management plans.

AREA OF CONCERN

1. **WAC 480-93-250 Damage prevention.**
Each gas pipeline company must comply with chapter 19.122 RCW, including:
 - (1) Subscribe to the appropriate one-number locator service;*
 - (2) Provide, upon receipt of locate notice, reasonably accurate information as to its locatable underground facilities by surface-marking the location of the facilities;*
 - (3) Respond with locate markings within two business days after receipt of the notice or within a time mutually agreed upon between the operator and the excavator requesting the utility locate information.*

Finding(s):

Staff noted trends of concern regarding Avista's ability to consistently meet facility locating requirements outlined in RCW 19.122.