



August 19, 2009

Public Utility Commission of Oregon
Attn: Filing Center
550 Capitol Street NE., Suite 215
Salem, OR 97308-2148

RE: Withdrawal of Avista Corporation's Application
For Approval of a Holding Company Structure
(UM 1250)

This is to advise you that Avista Corporation is withdrawing its application to form a holding company in the above-captioned docket. The formation of the holding company was subject to receipt of all necessary regulatory approvals, and for the reasons discussed below; Avista has determined that it does not intend to proceed with the proposed formation of the holding company.

By way of background, at the 2006 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, the shareholders of Avista approved a proposal to proceed with a statutory share exchange, which would have changed the Company's organization to a holding company structure. Avista subsequently received approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, conditioned on approval by the state regulatory agencies. The Company had also received approval from the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) and the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (IPUC), having reached agreement with staffs of those commissions and other parties, as to the terms of various proposed financial and other conditions and commitments on the part of the Company and the proposed new holding company. The Company was unable, however, to reach agreement with interested parties in proceedings before the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (OPUC).

At the August 14, 2009 meeting of the Avista Corp. Board of Directors, the Board of Directors concluded that the conditions and commitments proposed in proceedings before the OPUC would present risks and uncertainties such that it would not be in the best interests of the Company's shareholders, or the Company's customers, to accept

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such conditions. Therefore, the Board of Directors determined that the consummation of the statutory share exchange contemplated in the Plan of Share Exchange would not be in the best interest of the Company or its shareholders at this time, and accordingly, abandoned the plan of share exchange and related transactions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kelly Norwood".

Kelly Norwood
Vice President
Avista Corporation
State and Federal Regulation

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have served Avista Corporation's Withdrawal of its Application for Approval of a Holding Company Structure in Docket UM 1250, via electronic mail, and by mailing copy postage prepaid to those who have not waived paper service, to the following:

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