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Via email and U.S. Mail

Oregon Public Utility Commission
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Re: **DOCKET UM 1182: In the Matter of an Investigation Regarding
Competitive Bidding**

Motion to Intervene Out of Time and Petition to Intervene of Avista Corporation

Enclosed please find an original and five copies (sent via U.S. Mail) of Avista Corporation's Motion to Intervene Out of Time and Petition to Intervene in the above-referenced docket.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

David Meyer
VP, Chief Counsel for Regulatory
and Governmental Affairs

enclosures

cc: UM 1182 Service List

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

In the Matter of)
and Investigation Regarding)
Competitive Bidding) UM 1182

**PETITION TO INTERVENE OF
AVISTA CORPORATION**

Pursuant to Oregon Administrative Rule 860-013-0021, Avista Corporation (Avista) hereby files this Petition to Intervene as a Party in the above-referenced Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) proceeding. In support of this filing, Avista respectfully states as follows:

1. The name and address of the Petitioner is:

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2. The names and addresses of Petitioner’s authorized representatives to receive communications and be placed on the service list for this docket are:

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3. The nature and extent of Petitioner's interest in the proceeding is as follows:

Avista provides electric and natural gas service within a 26,000 square mile area of eastern Washington and northern Idaho. The Company also provides natural gas distribution service in southwestern and northeastern Oregon, and in the South Lake Tahoe area of California. Of the Company's 331,000 electric and 305,000 natural gas customers (at year end 2004), over 87,000 were Oregon customers.

4. The issues Petitioner intends to raise at the proceeding:

After the deadline for timely interventions passed, Avista become aware that issues in this docket may directly pertain to natural gas utilities. (See, item 1 of Staff's proposed issues list dated March 15, 2005.) Given the potential application of the competitive bidding process being addressed in this docket to natural gas utilities, Avista has a direct interest in this proceeding and seeks Party status in order to participate in this docket. Avista submits that its participation will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or unreasonably delay the proceeding. See, OAR 860-012-0001.

WHEREFORE, Avista respectfully requests that this Petition to Intervene as a Party be granted.

DATED: this 12th day of April, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

David Meyer
VP, Chief Counsel for Regulatory &
Governmental Affairs

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 12th day of April, 2005, I served the foregoing MOTION TO INTERVENE OUT OF TIME and PETITION TO INTERVENE OF AVISTA IN OPUC DOCKET UM 1182 upon each party listed below by mailing a copy to the persons at the addresses on the official service list.

/s/Nancy Watkins

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