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Jean D. Jewell, Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
W. 472 Washington Street
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RE: Avista's 2009 Annual Report on Optional Alternative Renewable Energy

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Dear Ms. Jewell:

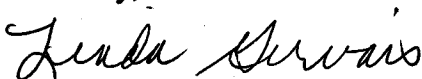
Pursuant to Order No. 28948 in Case No. AVU-E-01-16, enclosed for filing are an original and seven (7) copies of Avista Utilities report on the Company's alternative energy resources offered as options to customers in 2009 under Schedule 95—Optional Renewable Power Rate. Avista Utilities' voluntary program, marketed as the "Buck-A-Block" program, for wind resources was initiated on February 1, 2002.

Avista Utilities offers an alternative renewable energy rate in the form of a wind power option to residential and commercial electric customers in both Washington and Idaho. The program offers blocks of 300 kWh for \$1.00 each, paid in addition to their regular rates. Customers may purchase as many blocks as they would like. Customers subscribe on a monthly basis and can cancel and re-subscribe at anytime by either phone, internet, or bill inserts. Avista Utilities purchases renewable energy certificates from PPM Energy to supply the program. The Company marketed the program through billing inserts, earned media, local public radio, selected fairs, and print media.

The attachment included shows the rate of customer participation, the amount of qualified alternative energy resources purchased by customers, and the amount of utility investments in qualified alternative energy resources.

Please direct questions on this matter to me at (509) 495-4975 or Chris Drake at (509) 495-8624.

Sincerely,


Linda Gervais
Manager, Regulatory Policy

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Buck-A-Block Program Summary for 2009

	All			RES. (~315,000)			C&I (~44,000)		
	Total	WA	ID	WA	ID	RES	WA	ID	C&I
Customers	3,718	2,563	1,051	66	38	3,614	104		
Blocks	19,576	10,391	4,096	4,340	749	14,487	5,089		
<i>Average Purchase</i>	5.27	4.1	3.9	65.8	19.7	4.0	48.9		
<i>% of Wind Customers</i>	-	69%	28%	2%	1%	97%	3%		
<i>% of Electric Customers</i>	1.1%	1.2%	1.0%	0.3%	0.2%	1.1%	0.2%		
<i>% of Total Purchases</i>	-	53%	21%	22%	4%	74%	26%		

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2009 Number of Blocks Sold	\$19,668.27	\$19,568.65	\$19,498.20	\$19,608.91	\$19,661.24	\$19,585.99	\$19,731.42	\$19,778.27	\$19,608.29	\$19,676.03	\$19,652.49	\$19,554.25
2009 Number of kWh Sold												\$235,592.01

2009 Number of Blocks Sold \$235,592
 2009 Number of kWh Sold 70,677,600