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Jean D. Jewell, Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
W. 472 Washington Street
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RE: Avista's 2011 Annual Report on Optional Alternative Renewable Energy

Dear Ms. Jewell:

Pursuant to Order No. 28948 in Case No. AVU-E-01-16, enclosed for filing is an original and seven (7) copies of Avista Utilities report on the Company's alternative energy resources offered as options to customers in 2011 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 2011

	All RES. (~315,000)			C&I (~44,000)			
	Total	WA	ID	RES	WA	ID	C&I
Customers	3,550	2,445	995	3,440	66	44	110
Blocks	20,383	9,670	3,933	13,603	5,974	806	6,780
Average Purchase	5.74	4.0	4.0	4.0	90.5	18.3	61.6
% of Wind Customers	--	69%	28%	97%	2%	1%	3%
% of Electric Customers	1.0%	1.2%	0.9%	1.1%	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%
% of Total Purchases	--	47%	19%	67%	29%	4%	33%

2011 Blocks Sold	\$250,121	2011 WA Blocks	\$ 192,086	Residential Blocks	\$ 169,006
2011 RECs (kWh) Sold	75,036,300	2011 WA RECs (kWh)	57,625,800	Residential RECs (kWh)	50,701,800
		2011 ID Blocks	\$ 58,035	Commercial Blocks	\$ 81,115
		2011 ID RECs (kWh)	17,410,500	Commercial RECs (kWh)	24,334,500