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February 27, 2013

Jean D. Jewell, Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
W. 472 Washington Street
Boise, Idaho 83720

RE: Avista's 2012 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 2012 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Gervais".

Linda Gervais
Manager, Regulatory Policy

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Buck-A-Block Program Summary for 2012

	All			RES. (~315,000)			C&I (~44,000)		
	Total	WA	ID	RES	WA	ID	C&I		
Customers	3,411	2,341	964	3,305	66	40	106		
Blocks	19,680	9,218	3,735	12,953	5,979	748	6,727		
<i>Average Purchase</i>	5.77	3.9	3.9	3.9	90.6	18.7	63.5		
<i>% of Wind Customers</i>	--	69%	28%	97%	2%	1%	3%		
<i>% of Electric Customers</i>	1.0%	1.1%	0.9%	1.0%	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%		
<i>% of Total Purchases</i>	--	47%	19%	66%	30%	4%	34%		

2012 Blocks Sold \$ 241,783

2012 RECs (kWh) Sold 72,534,900

2012 WA Blocks \$ 186,310

2012 WA RECs (kWh) 55,893,000

Residential Blocks \$ 160,823

Residential RECs (kWh) 48,246,900

2012 ID Blocks \$ 55,473

2012 ID RECs (kWh) 16,641,900

Commercial Blocks \$ 80,960

Commercial RECs (kWh) 24,288,000