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December 2, 2004

Ms. Jean Jewell
Commission Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
472 West Washington Street
Boise, ID 83702

AVU-E-04-07

Re: Avista 2005 Integrated Resource Plan Filing

Dear Ms. Jewell:

Avista Utilities ("Avista") submitted its 2003 Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP") on April 30, 2003. At that time Avista had planned to submit its 2005 IRP by April 30, 2005. Under the current circumstances, however, the Company respectfully notifies the Commission that it will need additional time to complete the IRP and would expect to have it completed and filed on or before September 1, 2005.

Avista's lead IRP analyst recently left the Company and a second analyst is retiring this month (December 2004). This has caused delays in completing IRP work products and the cancellation of some Technical Advisory Committee ("TAC") meetings. Avista's desire is to provide adequate public participation through the TAC and a meaningful IRP process, which will require a process that extends beyond April 30, 2005.

If the September 1, 2005 timeline does not meet the needs of the Commission, please advise our Company at your earliest convenience. Alternatively, where there are portions of the 2005 IRP (e.g., updated long-term loads and resources tabulation) that the Commission would like to receive prior to September 1, 2005, the Company will do its best to make the information available.

Please call me at (509) 495-4532 regarding any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



Clint Kalich
Manager of Resource Planning
and Power Supply Analyses