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Dear Ms. Rosentrater:

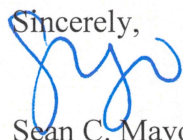
**RE: 2017 Natural Gas Standard Inspection – Avista Utilities, Ritzville/Goldendale
(Insp. No. 7260)**

We have reviewed your July 27 letter in response to our notice of three probable violations and four areas of concern related to our standard natural gas inspection of your Ritzville/Goldendale districts, conducted in May 2017.

Staff accepts your proposals to bring the Ritzville/Goldendale districts into compliance with the understanding that Probable Violation #1 (inability to produce records indicating that the MAOP was established for segments of pipe in Connell, Lind, Harrington, and Odessa) requires a more detailed, comprehensive plan. This plan should address what could potentially be a system wide issue of missing or inadequate records necessary to substantiate certain pipeline maximum allowable operating pressures as required under §192.619. Staff requests that Avista submit a strategy for coming into compliance with Probable Violation #1 within thirty calendar days of the date of this letter.

This inspection will be closed as of Sept. 7. Staff thanks Avista Utilities personnel for their cooperation and professionalism during this inspection.

If you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance, please contact Scott Rukke, Pipeline Safety Engineer at (360) 664-1241.

Sincerely,

Sean C. Mayo

cc: Mike Faulkenberry, Director of Natural Gas, Avista