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December 4, 2017

Heather Rosentrater  
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Avista Utilities Corporation  
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Spokane, WA 99220-3727

**RE: 2017 Natural Gas Operator Qualification Inspection – Avista Utilities Corporation – HQ  
(Insp. No. 7302)**

Dear Ms. Rosentrater:

Staff from the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (staff) conducted an Operator Qualification (OQ) inspection on November 7, 2017, of Avista Utilities Corporation (Avista), Headquarters (HQ). The inspection included a comprehensive OQ plan and records review of the pipeline facilities.

For efficiency and other reasons, the UTC staff conducted this inspection jointly with representatives from the Oregon Public Commission and Idaho Public Utilities. However, as you are aware, each of these commissions has separate gas pipeline safety jurisdiction over Avista and each commission will make its own decision regarding the exercise of that jurisdiction regarding this inspection. This letter pertains to the jurisdiction of the State of Washington, Utilities and Transportation Commission only.

No apparent violations were noted as a result of the inspection, therefore this inspection will be closed as of December 4, 2017.

Staff thanks Avista's personnel for their professionalism and cooperation during this inspection.

If you have any questions or if we may be of any assistance, please contact Anthony Dorrough at (360) 664-1318.

Sincerely,

Sean C. Mayo  
Pipeline Safety Director

cc: Mike Faulkenberry, Director of Natural Gas, Avista  
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