



February 23, 2012

Montana Public Service Commission  
Regulatory Division  
1707 Prospect Avenue  
Helena, MT 59620

Re: Renewable Resource Standard Annual Compliance Report – Compliance Year 2011

Regulatory Division:

Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities (“Avista”), hereby submits an original copy of its 2011 compliance form in compliance with §69-3-2005(6) MCA in response to the Montana Renewable Power Production and Rural Economic Development Act, §69-3-2004 MCA.

Pursuant to §69-3-2004(2) MCA, Avista was required to procure a minimum of 10 percent of its retail sales of electrical energy in Montana from eligible renewable resources.

Avista has a long history of renewable resource acquisition and has a number of renewable energy credits that qualify in different jurisdictional areas. The Company’s retail load in the state of Montana is quite small (consisting of only 19 or fewer retail customers), the Company does not at this time have remaining uncommitted renewable energy credits for the year 2011 that would satisfy the specific requirements of the Montana code. Because we are not able to meet the Montana renewable energy credit criteria requirement, we have enclosed a copy of the check provided to the Department of Revenue for deposit in the universal low-income energy assistance fund in the amount of \$481.00 in lieu of qualifying 2011 renewable energy credits<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> 481,049 kWh x 10% = 481 kWh \$10/MWh = \$481.00

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please feel free to call me at (509) 495-4975 or Mr. Bob Lafferty at (509) 495-4460.

Sincerely,

*/s/Linda Gervais/*

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AVISTA CORP.  
Vendor No. : 19100

Check Date: Feb 3, 2012  
Vendor Name: DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

No. 906673

Invoice Number	Invoice Date	Description	Doc Amount	Discount Amount	Extended Amount
691078-INV	2/1/2012	MONTANA RPS REQUIREMEN	481.00	.00	481.00

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Pay: Four Hundred Eighty-One Dollars And Zero Cents\*\*\*\*\*

To the Order Of: DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE  
ATTN: RUSS TRASKY  
PO BOX 5805  
HELENA, MT 59604  
United States

Second Signature Required for Amounts Over \$1,000,000.00

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## Montana Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS)

### Public Utility Compliance Form\*

Compliance Year 2011

1 **Public Utility: Avista Utilities**

2 **Total Retail Sales in 2010 (MWh):** **481.00**

#### 2011 Renewable Energy Credits (RECs)<sup>‡</sup>

3	Procurement Requirement:		48.10
4	2009 Carry-Over Applied:		0.00
5	2010 Carry-Over Applied:		0.00
6	Procured in 2011:		0.00
7	Total Retired for 2011:		0.00
	Penalty: \$10 per REC needed	\$	481.00
8	Balance:		0.00

<sup>‡</sup> All RECs used to comply with the RPS must be tracked and verified through the Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System (WREGIS) or the Midwest Renewable Energy Tracking System (MRETS). To demonstrate compliance with this requirement, please attach a report generated by WREGIS or MRETS setting forth the sources and quantities of RECs procured and retired for compliance year 2011.

#### \* Public Utilities Subject to Retail Choice:

On an annual basis on or before March 31, a public utility subject to the retail choice provisions in Section 69-8-201 of the Montana Code Annotated must also submit an **Electricity Supplier Report** to the Montana Public Service Commission disclosing each electricity supplier that uses its transmission or distribution facilities to deliver electricity to retail customers in Montana.

For each electricity supplier, the Electricity Supplier Report must set forth the following information for the twelve-month period ending December 31, 2010:

- 9 (1) Total billed retail sales of electrical energy by month;
- 10 (2) Billed retail sales of electrical energy by month for each retail customer of that supplier; and
- 11 (3) Individual load by month for each retail customer of that supplier (in kilowatts).

The public utility must assign a unique number to each retail customer of an electricity supplier to protect the customer's identity.

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