

**CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

October 5, 2012

Mr. Scott Morris  
CEO  
Avista Utilities  
1411 East Mission Avenue,  
Spokane, Washington 99252

Re: EB-FIELDNER-12-00004711

Dear Mr. Morris:

On June 8, 2011, the Federal Communications Commission notified Avista Utilities that it had received complaints from several amateurs that equipment operated by your utility might be causing harmful radio interference to their amateur radio equipment. The complainants are:

(Name withheld)	(Name withheld)
(Address withheld)	(Address withheld)
(Address withheld)	(Address withheld)
(Address withheld)	Tel: (Number withheld)
Tel: (Number withheld)	

(Name withheld)	(Name withheld)
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The June 8, 2011 letter advised Avista that the interference, if unresolved, could be a violation of Commission rules. For this reason, we encouraged Avista to voluntarily resolve the matter without Commission intervention. The letter specifically stated, however, that if it became necessary for the Commission to facilitate a resolution, the Commission might investigate possible rule violations and address appropriate remedies, including monetary forfeitures.<sup>1</sup> Avista responded to the Commission's June 8, 2011 letter indicating that it would work with the licensees to resolve the interference. Unfortunately, the licensees have reported to the Commission that there has been any reduction in the radio frequency interference and that Avista is no longer working with them on resolving the matter.

In order to avoid enforcement action on this matter, you have thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of this letter to respond to this office at the following address: 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325. The response must contain a statement of the specific action(s)

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<sup>1</sup> Fines normally range from \$7,500 to \$10,000.

taken to identify and eliminate the source(s) of radio interference. Your response must also include a carbon copy to the four licensees so that they can confirm any statement that you make regarding resolution of the interference.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact me at 717-338-2577. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Laura L. Smith, Esq.  
Special Counsel  
Enforcement Bureau

cc: Seattle Field Office  
Western Regional Director