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David P. Boergers, Secretary
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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: *Avista Corporation, et al.*
Docket No. RT01-35-000

Dear Mr. Boergers:

Enclosed for filing are the original and fifteen (15) copies of the "Motion To Intervene Of Pacific Gas and Electric Company" in the above-referenced proceeding.

Please date stamp the extra copy and return it to Pacific Gas and Electric Company in the enclosed, pre-addressed, stamped envelope.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stuart K. Gardiner".

STUART K. GARDINER

Enclosures

cc: Service List

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

Avista Corporation, *et al.*)

Docket No. RT01-35-000

**MOTION TO INTERVENE
OF PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY**

In accordance with Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 C.F.R. § 385.214, Pacific Gas and Electric Company ("PG&E") moves to intervene in the above-captioned docket, in which Avista Corporation and eight other transmission owners filed a proposal on October 23, 2000, to create RTO West, a new regional transmission organization.

PG&E is an investor-owned public utility subject to regulation under the Federal Power Act and the California Public Utilities Code. It is an active participant in energy and ancillary services markets, as both buyer and seller, in California and the western United States generally and is a participating transmission owner under the California Independent System Operator Corporation's FERC tariff. Because the organization and operation of RTO West may affect PG&E as both market participant and transmission owner, PG&E has a substantial interest in these proceedings. No other party can adequately represent

PG&E's interest. For these reasons, PG&E should be allowed to intervene in this docket.

All communications regarding this matter, including pleadings, filings, orders, and correspondence, should be served on the following persons:

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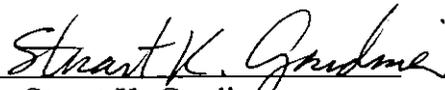
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For the reasons stated above, PG&E requests that the Commission allow it to intervene as a party to these proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: November 17, 2000

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served, by First Class U.S. Mail, the foregoing document on all parties designated on the official service list compiled by the Secretary of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in FERC Docket No. RT01-35-000.

Executed at San Francisco, California, this 17th day of November, 2000.



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