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Mr. Dana Peterson
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RE: Letter of Recommendation

Dear Mr. Peterson:

Avista Communications, a competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC) based in Spokane, Washington has selected Leone & Keeble as the exclusive contractor for Avista Communications Central Office (CO) build-outs nationwide. It is because of your abilities and professionalism, that Avista Communications has selected you as our partner in future market expansions.

As you are aware, Leone & Keeble began work with Avista Communications in 1998 as the primary contractor for renovation and construction of our historic Levy Block Building in downtown Spokane. In addition, Leone & Keeble handled renovation and construction at Avista Communications' Central Office sites in Lewiston, Idaho and Billings, Montana earlier this year. Leone & Keeble offer services such as selecting a site for our central office, performing any demolition, structural engineering, and environmental work that might be required, and then building our office.

We've been extremely happy with the work performed. Your team is efficient, detail-oriented and meets our quick timelines, something that is imperative in our competitive industry. Your company exceeds our expectations every time we launch another market.

It's your commitment to honesty, integrity and quality construction that we continue to rely on. Together, our relationship will provide many years of success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gregory D. Green". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and "D".

Gregory D. Green
President and CEO