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As the Chief Efficiency Engineer for Avista Utilities, Tom is responsible for managing customer energy efficiency projects and supervises a team of energy efficiency engineers. Before coming to Avista in 1996, Tom directed facilities and project management in the health-care industry. Working as an administrator in the management of large utility accounts for ten years has given Tom a good knowledge of what Avista can do to assist its customers. Tom's technical background as a mechanical engineer, combined with his personal experience as a facilities manager, allows for superior management of customer needs in metering, distributed generation and energy utilization. Tom has been a speaker and panelist for several symposiums and workshops, including those sponsored by the Bonneville

Power Administration, NEEA, Idaho Department of Water Resources, Rebuild America, Fluke, DOE and others. A champion of renewable distributed generation, Tom has worked with both Avista and its customers in education of the intricacies of distributed energy and net metering. Tom is currently a Past Board President of the West Plains Chamber and the Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Inland Northwest. Tom is a voting member of the Regional Technical Forum (RTF), an advisory committee to the Northwest Power & Conservation Council. The RTF was established in 1999 to develop standards to verify and evaluate conservation savings in the Northwest Region.

