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Carole Washburn
Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
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Re: In the Matter of the Petition of Avista Corporation, d/b/a Avista Utilities for an Order Authorizing Implementation of Natural Gas Decoupling Mechanism and to Record Accounting Entries Associated with the Mechanism Docket Nos. UG-060518

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Enclosed please find the originals and eight copies each of the Direct Testimony and Exhibits of Steven G. Johnson on behalf of Public Counsel for filing in the above-entitled docket. An electronic version of all filed material was transmitted on November 13, 2006 to the Records Center.

Sincerely,

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