

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

AVISTA CORPORATION D/B/A
AVISTA UTILITIES,

Respondent.

DOCKETS UE-140188 and
UG-140189 (*consolidated*)

OFFER OF PUBLIC COMMENT
BENCH EXHIBIT NO. 5

1. Public Counsel hereby offers this Public Comment Exhibit for admission into the record of the proceeding.
2. Public Comment Bench Exhibit No. 5. The exhibit consists of letters, e-mails, and other written materials submitted by the public commenting on the Avista general rate case. These letters and materials were submitted to the Commission and to Public Counsel. The comments are submitted in electronic form on the enclosed CD.
3. All e-mail and written comments received by Public Counsel were scanned into one (1) .pdf file, titled "Comments Received by PC." All e-mail and internet comments received by the Commission were input into a database by Commission Consumer Protection and Communications Staff. Output from this database has been included in two (2) .pdf files titled "Avista Comments Report UE-140188" and "Avista Comments Report UE-140189." In the case of comments received via mail by the Commission, the documents were scanned into one (1)

.pdf file labeled "Comments Received by UTC" and are identified in the database as well. These four (4) .pdf files provide all comments submitted in the case.

4. The submitted materials have been counted as follows:

a.	<u>Comments received by Commission</u>	177
	Opposing the rate increase	156
	Supporting the rate increase	1
	Undecided comments	20
b.	<u>Comments received by Public Counsel</u>	2
	Opposing the rate increase	2
	Supporting the rate increase	0
	Undecided Comments	0

5. Public Counsel submits a total of one hundred and seventy nine (179) public comments in the exhibit. Of these, one hundred and fifty eight (158) oppose the requested rate increase and one (1) supports the request. Twenty (20) neither oppose nor support Avista's request.

6. DATED this 29th day of September, 2014.

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