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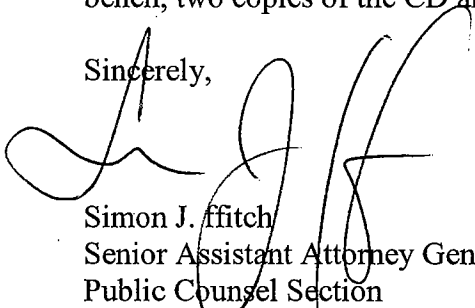
David Danner
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Re: WUTC v. Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities,
Docket Nos. UE-090134 and UG-090135
Avista Decoupling
Docket No. UG-060518

Dear Mr. Danner:

Enclosed please find the Offer of Public Comment Exhibit on behalf of Public Counsel for filing in the above-entitled dockets, together with a CD attachment. The exhibit attachment consists of letters, e-mails, and other written materials submitted by the public to the Commission and to Public Counsel to provide comment on the above-captioned matters. Due to volume, the comments are provided on CD only, pursuant to leave from the bench. At the request of the bench, two copies of the CD are provided for filing.

Sincerely,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
Docket Nos. UE-090134, UG-090135, UG-060518

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of Offer of Public Comment Exhibit on behalf of Public Counsel has been sent to each of the parties of record shown on the attached Service List in sealed envelopes, via:

- Overnight Federal Express
- ABC Legal Messenger to David Danner, Executive Director and Secretary WUTC
- Electronic Mail
- Facsimile transmission
- UPS Two-Day Air

DATED: October 19, 2009.



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

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

AVISTA CORPORATION, d/b/a
AVISTA UTILITIES,

Respondent.

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In the Matter of the Petition of

AVISTA CORPORATION, d/b/a
AVISTA UTILITIES,

For an Order Authorizing
Implementation of a Natural Gas
Decoupling Mechanism and to
Record Accounting Entries
Associated With the Mechanism.

DOCKETS UE-090134
and UG-090135
(consolidated)

DOCKET UG-060518
(consolidated)

OFFER OF PUBLIC COMMENT
EXHIBIT

1. Public Counsel hereby offers this Public Comment Exhibit for admission into the record of the proceeding.

2. Public Comment Exhibit. The exhibit consists of letters, e-mails, a petition, and other written materials submitted by the public to provide comment on the Avista Utilities general rate case. These letters and materials were submitted to the Commission and to the office of Public Counsel. Because of the large number of comments, they are submitted in electronic form on the attached disk.

3. A voluminous number of public comments were received by the Commission, many via e-mail and internet, for which there are no original hard copies to submit. Commission Consumer Protection and Communications Staff entered these comments into a database, which includes all comments received by the Commission. Text of the comments was either directly input into the database, or in the case of comments received via mail, the document was scanned into one of thirty six different .pdf formatted files and that file was referenced in the database. The output from this database has been included in .pdf format on the enclosed CD, and this one (1) file, along with the thirty six (36) files with scanned comments, provide all comments submitted to the Commission. The CD also contains two (2) files in .pdf format with comments received by Public Counsel.

4. The submitted material has been counted as follows:

a.	<u>Comments received by WUTC</u>	
	Opposing the rate increase	2,020
	Supporting the rate increase	8
	Undecided comments	23
b.	<u>Comments received by Public Counsel</u>	
	Opposing the rate increase	43
	Supporting the rate increase	0
	Undecided Comments	8

5. Public Counsel submits a total of two thousand one hundred and two (2,102) public comments in the exhibit. Of these, two thousand sixty three (2,063) oppose the requested rate increase and eight (8) support the request. Thirty one (31) neither oppose nor support Avista's request.

6. DATED this 19th day of October, 2009.

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