

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

AVISTA CORPORATION d/b/a
AVISTA UTILITIES,

Respondent.

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.

DOCKET NO. UE-090134

and

DOCKET NO. UG-090135
(consolidated)

DOCKET NO. UG-060518
(consolidated)

**CORRECTION TO POST HEARING BRIEF OF
THE NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL GAS USERS**

December 1, 2009

1. It has come to the attention of Northwest Industrial Gas Users' (NWIGU) counsel that the transcript (Andrews on p. 573, line 22, copy attached) reflects an uncorrected transcript error to which NWIGU referred in its Post-Hearing Brief (Board Valentine costs of nearly "\$9,000"). Avista's Board Valentine candy cost \$87.50 rather than \$8,750 according to an Avista response to Staff data requests. Numerous other excessive expense items for Avista's Board were the basis of Staff's and Public Counsel's proposed adjustments to the test year expense. NWIGU supports those adjustments as recommended by Staff and Public Counsel, but in doing so NWIGU does not want to present an inaccurate transcript quote to the Commission.

Dated in Portland, Oregon, this 1st day of December, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,



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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And then it also looks like a few items down
3 under miscellaneous that gifts for the directors were
4 included from Adventures in Advertising?

5 A. Yes, these are the types of dollars I
6 included in the \$5,000 that I just stated I should have
7 removed, Washington's share of that being \$2,400
8 electric, \$600 gas.

9 Q. That's about \$1,000 for gifts to the
10 directors?

11 A. That was included in that, yes.

12 Q. And then again we see another charge for
13 reserving the Arborcrest Wine Cellar for a venue for a
14 board dinner?

15 A. Yes. Again, as I mentioned, when they hold
16 these meetings, they have to hold them somewhere on
17 another facility, so typically they have them off site.
18 This isn't one location.

19 Q. I'm just going to walk through a couple more
20 of these costs.

21 A. All right.

22 Q. It shows that there was \$8,750 put on the
23 corporate credit card for Valentine's Day candy for the
24 board?

25 A. Yes.

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