

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. UE-06 _____

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF

WILLIAM G. JOHNSON

REPRESENTING AVISTA CORPORATION

I INTRODUCTION

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2 **Q. Please state your name, business address, and present position with**
3 **Avista Corporation.**

4 A. My name is William G. Johnson. My business address is 1411 East Mission
5 Avenue, Spokane, Washington, and I am employed by the Company as a Senior Power
6 Supply Analyst in the Energy Resources Department.

7 **Q. What is your educational background?**

8 A. I graduated from the University of Montana in 1981 with a Bachelor of Arts
9 Degree in Political Science/Economics. I obtained a Master of Arts Degree in Economics
10 from the University of Montana in 1985.

11 **Q. How long have you been employed by the Company and what are your**
12 **duties as a Senior Power Supply Analyst?**

13 A. I started working for Avista in April 1990 as a Demand Side Resource
14 Analyst. I joined the Energy Resources Department as a Power Contracts Analyst in June
15 1996. My primary responsibilities involve wholesale power marketing and regulatory issues.

16 **Q. What is the scope of your testimony in this proceeding?**

17 A. My testimony will describe the adjustments to the level of power supply
18 revenues and expenses from the amount currently in base rates, and I will also describe the
19 new base level of power supply costs for Energy Recovery Mechanism (ERM) calculation
20 purposes, using the pro forma costs proposed by the Company in this filing.

21 **Q. Are you sponsoring any exhibits to be introduced in this proceeding?**

1 A. Yes. I am sponsoring Exhibit Nos. ____ (WGJ-2) (Power Supply Pro Forma);
2 ____ (WGJ-3) (Description of Power Supply Adjustments); ____ (WGJ-4) (Market Purchases
3 and Sales, Plant Generation and Fuel Cost Summary); and ____ (WGJ-5) (Energy Recovery
4 Mechanism proposed calculations), which were prepared under my supervision and direction.

5 **Q. Are other Company witnesses providing testimony regarding issues you**
6 **are addressing?**

7 A. Yes. Company witness Mr. Kalich provides detailed testimony on the
8 AURORA model used by the Company to develop short-term power purchase expense, fuel
9 expense and short-term power sales revenue included in my exhibits. Company witness Ms.
10 Andrews sponsors the “Pro Forma Power Supply” adjustment for the Washington jurisdiction
11 determined from my net system power supply adjustments.

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13 **II SUMMARY**

14 **Q. Please provide an overview of your direct testimony.**

15 A. My testimony explains adjustments made to normalize power supply expense
16 and revenue items in the pro forma period compared to the power supply expenses currently
17 in base rates. This involves the determination of revenues and expenses based on normal
18 stream flow and expected wholesale market power prices. In addition, adjustments are made
19 to reflect contract changes in the 2007 pro forma period. The net effect of my adjustments to
20 the power supply net expense currently in base rates is an increase of \$51,132,000 on a
21 system basis. The Washington allocation of this adjustment of \$33,318,000 (before the

1 Retail Revenue Credit) is incorporated into the revenue requirement calculation for the
2 Washington jurisdiction by Ms. Andrews.

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4 **III PRO FORMA POWER SUPPLY COSTS**

5 **Overview**

6 **Q. Please identify the specific power supply cost items that are covered by**
7 **your testimony and the total adjustment being proposed.**

8 A. Exhibit No. __ (WGJ-2) identifies the power supply expense and revenue
9 items that fall within the scope of my testimony. These revenue and expense items are
10 related to power purchases and sales, fuel expense, transmission expense, and other
11 miscellaneous power supply expenses and revenues.

12 **Q. What is the basis for the adjustments to the power supply revenues and**
13 **expenses currently in base rates?**

14 A. Power supply expenses currently in base rates are based on a 2006 pro forma
15 prepared for the Company's 2005 General Rate Case which used 2004 weather-adjusted
16 loads. Power supply expenses in this case are based on a 2007 pro forma period using
17 forecasted 2007 pro forma loads. Adjustments are also made to reflect contract changes
18 effective in 2007.

19 As in past rate cases, power supply expenses are based on normal weather and normal
20 stream flows. The AURORA model is used to normalize power supply revenues and
21 expenses that are dependent upon hydroelectric generation and wholesale market electricity
22 prices. The AURORA model dispatches Company resources on an hourly basis and

1 calculates the level of generation from the Company's thermal resources along with the short-
2 term purchases and sales necessary to serve system requirements.

3 **Q. What changes has the Company made in the calculation of normal power**
4 **supply costs from the 2005 General Rate Case?**

5 A. The primary change is the use of loads that match the pro forma period. In
6 this case, the pro forma period is calendar year 2007. In the prior case, the Company
7 calculated pro forma power supply revenues and expenses to be included in base rates based
8 on a 2006 pro forma period and historical 2004 test year loads. In this case the Company is
9 using 2007 pro forma loads to better match revenues and expenses in the 2007 pro forma
10 period.

11 Other than using pro forma loads, the process to develop the pro forma net power
12 supply expense is the same as in past rate cases. Power supply adjustments have been
13 prepared using the same methods that have been used in prior general rate cases.

14 A brief description of each adjustment is provided in Exhibit No. _____ (WGJ-3).
15 Detailed workpapers have been provided coincident with this filing to support each of the pro
16 forma revenues and expenses. The detailed workpapers for each adjustment show the level
17 of revenue or expense currently in base retail rates, the actual revenue or expense in 2005,
18 and the pro forma revenue or expense for 2007.

19 **Q. What is the overall change in normalized power supply costs?**

20 A. Power supply expense has increased by approximately \$33.3 million
21 (Washington allocation) from the level currently in base rates. This increase is primarily
22 driven by wholesale electric and natural gas costs to serve increasing load requirements. Pro

1 forma 2007 system loads are 72 aMW higher than the 2004 loads that current power supply
2 expenses are based on. The increased power supply expense to meet this load is
3 approximately \$26.2 million (Washington allocation). The remaining increase in power
4 supply expenses are primarily driven by increased fuel expense. Fuel expense is \$25 million
5 (Washington allocation) higher than the level currently in base rates. Some of the higher
6 fuel expense is embedded in the cost of meeting load growth through the higher cost of
7 market purchases that is driven by increased fuel prices. Offsetting some of the additional
8 expense is an increase in wholesale sales revenue and the elimination of the Rathdrum lease
9 expense because of the purchase of the plant.

10 **Q. Is there a revenue offset to these increased power supply costs to serve**
11 **retail loads?**

12 A. Yes. As Ms. Andrews explains in her testimony, the power supply costs
13 associated with the increased retail load is partially offset by additional revenue from
14 increased retail sales. The offset (Retail Revenue Credit) is approximately \$13.6 million of
15 the \$26.2 million increase in power supply costs associated with increased load requirements.

16 **Q. Why is it important to use 2007 loads instead of 2005 loads when the**
17 **ERM accounts for load changes and tracks the increased cost of meeting higher load**
18 **requirements?**

19 A. Because the marginal cost of power has become so much higher than the
20 embedded cost, it is important to use loads that are matched with the pro forma period.

21 Consider a simple example. If actual loads are 1 MWh higher than the authorized
22 level, the ERM will credit back \$39.03 through the Retail Revenue Credit against the higher

1 power supply expense. This is because the Company collects \$39.03 from customers, as that
2 is the average production and transmission cost included in the retail rate. If the cost of
3 securing that extra MWh were \$39.03, then there would be no impact in the ERM. The
4 increased expense of serving another MWh of load would be exactly offset by the revenue
5 collected from the customer and credited back through the ERM.

6 Current circumstances are very different than this example. Instead of \$39.03 to
7 secure an additional MWh, the cost is around \$63. This means that an additional MWh of
8 load creates increased power supply expense of \$23.97 (\$63 marginal cost of power minus
9 the Retail Revenue Credit of \$39.03). If this expense is multiplied by the 40 aMW difference
10 between 2005 and 2007 loads, then annual power supply expense, all other costs being equal,
11 will be understated by \$5.5 million ($\$23.97 \times 40 \text{ aMW} \times 8760 \text{ hrs/yr} \times 65.16\% \text{ Washington}$
12 allocation).

13 If the Company used 2005 historical loads instead of 2007 loads in developing the pro
14 forma, then power supply expense would be understated by approximately \$5.5 million and
15 the Company would be disadvantaged because the deadband structure of the ERM would
16 require the Company to absorb \$4.8 million of that increased expense. This is not a result of
17 the deadband itself, but rather a result of base power supply expenses not being set at the
18 level of costs that are expected during the 2007 rate period. And while it is true that actual
19 loads in 2007 will not be exactly at the forecasted level, there is a much higher chance that
20 they will be closer to the forecasted level than they will be at the historical level two years
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Long-Term Contracts

Q. How are long-term purchase contracts included in the pro forma?

A. Long-term purchase contracts are included in the pro forma by including the energy the contract provides in the AURORA model and including the cost based on the contract rates during 2007, multiplied by the energy volume.

Q. Are there any new power purchases in this pro forma that are not in the power supply expense included in current retail rates?

A. Yes, there are seven new long-term contracts that were not included in the pro forma in the last general rate case. Four of these new contracts are 25 MW purchases that replaced four 25 MW purchases that ended in 2006.

Q. Are any of these new contracts subject to the limitation for inclusion in the ERM that was part of the recent ERM Settlement?

A. No. The recent ERM Settlement included limitations on cost recovery for new or renewed contracts that are greater than 50 MW and have more than a two-year term. None of the new contracts included in this pro forma meet that criteria. Only one contract exceeds 50 MW, but that contract is not longer than two years and is an exchange contract that is used to provide transmission. The other new contracts are all less than 50 MW. All of the contracts were entered into prior to the ERM Settlement.

Any new agreements that are greater than 50 MW and more than two years in length will be addressed in a general rate case. The Company will continue to provide copies of all new contracts as part of its monthly ERM Deferral reports.

1 **Q. How are power sale contracts included in the pro forma?**

2 A. Power sale contracts are included in the pro forma in the same way as power
3 purchases. The obligation of the power sale is included in the AURORA model and revenue
4 from the sale is included in the pro forma based on the 2007 contract rate and the sale
5 volume. Most of the Company's sale contracts are for load regulation capacity and do not
6 include the sale of energy. For these contracts, the pro forma includes the revenue based on
7 the contracted capacity and the 2007 contract rate. The obligation is included in AURORA
8 through an on-peak obligation coupled with an equal energy off-peak resource.

9 **Q. Are there any new sale contracts in this pro forma?**

10 A. Yes. A load following capacity sale to Northwestern Energy is the only new
11 sale contract in this pro forma that is not currently in base rates. This contract provides
12 Northwestern Energy dynamic capacity from Avista's system to balance the instantaneous
13 differences between resources and load. A copy of the contract was provided with the
14 November 2005 ERM Monthly Deferral Report.

15 **Thermal Fuel Expense**

16 **Q. How are thermal fuel expenses determined in the pro forma?**

17 A. Thermal fuel expenses include Colstrip coal costs, Kettle Falls wood-waste
18 costs and natural gas expense for the Company's gas-fired resources, which include Coyote
19 Springs 2, Rathdrum, Northeast, Boulder Park, and the Kettle Falls combustion turbine. Unit
20 coal costs at Colstrip are based on the long-term coal supply and transportation agreements.
21 Unit wood-fuel costs at Kettle Falls are based on multiple shorter-term contracts with fuel
22 suppliers and inventory. Unit fuel costs for natural gas are based on a three-month average of

1 2007 forward market prices consistent with the method approved in the Company's last rate
2 case. Total fuel costs for each plant are based on the unit fuel cost and the plant's level of
3 generation as determined by the AURORA model. Exhibit No. ____ (WGJ-4) shows the pro
4 forma fuel costs by month for each plant.

5 **Transmission Expense**

6 **Q. What are the differences in transmission expense in the 2007 pro forma in**
7 **this case from the expense currently in base rates?**

8 A. Transmission expense is similar in the 2007 pro forma to the level currently in
9 base rates. The difference represents the amount of transmission expense included in the pro
10 forma for CS2 and the two new transmission contracts that are not currently in base rates.

11 **Q. What is the difference in the transmission purchased for CS2?**

12 A. The Company currently purchases 222 MW of firm point-to-point (PTP)
13 transmission from BPA and has an exchange agreement in place to meet the remaining
14 transmission requirements for CS2. The prior case included 270 MW of firm PTP
15 transmission, but did not include the exchange agreement. The exchange agreement,
16 although used to provide transmission, is a purchase power expense in Account 555. The net
17 effect is a reduction in Account 565 Transmission expense for CS2 and an increase in
18 Account 555 Purchase Power expense.

19 **Q. Are there any new transmission contracts that were not included in the**
20 **prior General Rate Case?**

21 A. Yes, there are two transmission purchases that were not included in the prior
22 general rate case. The first, labeled Grant Transmission, is an agreement that began in 2006

1 and runs until November 2007 and has offsetting transmission revenues. The second new
2 transmission expense is labeled Sagle-Northern Lights and is for the purchase of transmission
3 from Northern Lights Utility to serve Avista customers in northern Idaho.

4 **Q. How do the transmission adjustments you sponsor relate to the testimony**
5 **of Mr. Kinney, the Company's transmission expert witness?**

6 A. My transmission adjustments represent transmission expenses related to
7 moving generation to and from our generation resources and our system. Mr. Kinney
8 sponsors testimony involving issues associated with transmission planning and transmission
9 revenues (transmission revenues are included in the ERM and noted in my testimony). I note
10 this because the FERC Standards of Conduct rule prohibits my access, as a power supply
11 employee, to certain transmission planning and revenue information.

12 **Other Changes in Pro Forma**

13 **Q. Are there any other changes in power supply expense from what is**
14 **currently in base retail rates?**

15 A. Yes. This pro forma removes the Rathdrum lease expense. As explained by
16 Company witness Mr. Peterson in his testimony, the Company determined that it was cost-
17 effective to terminate the lease and purchase the plant. Ms. Andrews, in her testimony,
18 explains how the Rathdrum plant is now included as part of the Company's rate base and
19 how the associated costs are included in revenue requirements. The lease payment has been
20 removed from power supply expense.

IV ERM CALCULATIONS

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2 **Q. What effect will this case have on the ERM?**

3 A. The only effect this case will have on the ERM is to update the authorized
4 expenses and revenues and the Retail Revenue Credit. ERM entries will continue to be
5 calculated in the same manner as current calculations. The final order in this case will
6 determine the new authorized level of power supply expenses, transmission expenses and
7 revenues, and Retail Revenue Credit and retail load used in the ERM calculations.

8 **Q. What are the new base numbers proposed by the Company for the ERM?**

9 A. The proposed authorized level of annual power supply and transmission
10 expense is \$175,509,404. This is the sum of Accounts 555 (Purchased Power), 501 (Thermal
11 Fuel), 547 (Fuel), 565 (Transmission) and broker fees, less Account 447 (Sales for Resale).
12 The proposed level of transmission revenue (Account 456.100) is \$9,892,740. (Transmission
13 revenue numbers are provided by Mr. Kinney.)

14 The level of retail sales and the Retail Revenue Credit have also been updated. The
15 proposed Retail Revenue Credit is \$44.27/MWh. The proposed monthly power supply
16 expense, transmission expense and revenue, and retail sales for ERM calculation purposes is
17 shown in Exhibit No. ____ (WGJ-5).

18 **Q. Does that conclude your pre-filed direct testimony?**

19 A. Yes.

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EXHIBIT NO.__(WGJ-2)

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Avista Corp.
Power Supply Pro Forma - Washington Jurisdiction
System Numbers - Authorized and 2007 Pro Forma

Line No.	Jan 06 - Dec 06 Authorized	Adjustment	Jan 07 - Dec 07 Normalized
<u>555 PURCHASED POWER</u>			
1	\$20,917	\$15,946	\$36,864
2	1,916	276	2,192
3	3,534	1,220	4,754
4	1,177	156	1,333
5	0	2,463	2,463
6	5,512	718	6,230
7	-2,690	2,690	0
8	0	717	717
9	13,906	-2,278	11,628
10	4	1	5
11	921	70	991
12	1,589	435	2,024
13	2,003	-335	1,668
14	442	-31	410
15	6,680	110	6,789
16	6,132	613	6,745
17	6,132	526	6,658
18	6,953	603	7,556
19	0	1,533	1,533
20	0	5,124	5,124
21	3,186	-477	2,709
22	78,313	30,080	108,393
<u>556 SYSTEM CONTROL & DISPATCH</u>			
23	2	-2	0
24	150	433	583
25	152	431	583
<u>557 OTHER EXPENSES</u>			
26	78	30	108
27	0	0	0
28	78	30	108
<u>501 THERMAL FUEL EXPENSE</u>			
29	8,095	2,121	10,216
30	10,683	4,151	14,834
31	188	12	200
32	18,966	6,284	25,251
<u>547 OTHER FUEL EXPENSE</u>			
33	59,394	27,875	87,269
34	6,240	1,915	8,155
35	81	5,337	5,418
36	0	434	434
37	3,238	-1,052	2,186
38	593	-504	88
39	480	-480	0
40	70,026	33,524	103,551

565 TRANSMISSION OF ELECTRICITY BY OTHERS

Pro Forma
Authorized vs Pro Forma 07
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Avista Corp.
Power Supply Pro Forma - Washington Jurisdiction
System Numbers - Authorized and 2007 Pro Forma

Line No.	Jan 06 - Dec 06 Authorized	Adjustment	Jan 07 - Dec 07 Normalized
41	772	19	791
42	0	519	519
43	49	0	49
44	348	-103	245
45	8,315	-677	7,638
46	1,245	-72	1,173
47	1,689	444	2,133
48	32	0	32
49	0	77	77
50	214	11	225
51	643	0	643
52	13,307	218	13,525
	<u>536 WATER FOR POWER</u>		
53	752	-71	681
	<u>550 RENTS</u>		
54	6,729	-6,729	0
	<u>549 MISC OTHER GENERATION EXPENSE</u>		
55	133	106	239
56	188,457	63,873	252,330
	<u>447 SALES FOR RESALE</u>		
57	56,332	11,144	67,476
58	1,800	0	1,800
59	-63	-1	-64
60	3,327	1,060	4,387
61	272	-272	0
62	69	-7	62
63	324	66	390
64	0	1,267	1,267
65	62,061	13,257	75,318
	<u>456 OTHER ELECTRIC REVENUE</u>		
66	48	16	64
67	0	0	0
68	48	16	64
	<u>453 SALES OF WATER AND WATER POWER</u>		
69	365	-130	235
	<u>454 MISC RENTS</u>		
70	24	-5	19
71	62,498	13,138	75,636
72	125,959	50,735	176,695
73	-397		
74	125,562	51,132	176,695

Exhibit No.__(WGJ-3)

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**Avista Corp.
Brief Description of Power Supply Adjustments**

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Line No.

- 1 **Short-term Purchases** - Short-term purchases are normalized through use of the AURORA Dispatch Simulation Model. The pro forma value reflects the short-term purchases during the pro forma period from the dispatch simulation study.
- 2 **Rocky Reach** - The pro forma cost for Rocky Reach is based on Chelan PUD's budgeted expenses. Avista's costs are based on the Company's 2.9% share of total cost.
- 3 **Wanapum** - Pro forma costs are based on Grant County PUD's Power Cost Forecast for Wanapum. Avista's costs are based on the Company's 8.2% share of total cost.
- 4 **Wells** - Wells' costs are based on Douglas PUD's Power Purchaser's Pro-Forma Statement. Avista's costs are based on the Company's 3.5% share of total cost.
- 5 **Priest Rapids Products** - Priest Rapids pro forma costs include the purchase of a small percentage of the project output at project cost, a larger portion at market rates and a revenue credit for Avista's allocation of the project sold at market rates.
- 6 **Grant Displacement** - Grant Displacement is scheduled energy from Grant PUD that is priced at the BPA PF rate.
- 7 **Grant Revenue Credit** - Grant Revenue Credit is included in the Priest Rapids line item.
- 8 **Douglas Settlement** - Douglas Settlement is for a small (approx. 4 aMW) of power Avista purchases from Douglas PUD at a below-market rate.
- 9 **WNP-3** - Pro forma costs are based on the five-year average amount of energy and the midpoint rate for contract year 2005 through 2006 escalated at the five-year average escalation rate.
- 10 **Deer Lake-IP&L** - Pro forma expense is for power purchased from Inland Power to serve Avista customers.
- 11 **Small Power** - Pro forma costs are based on expected generation and pro forma period contract rates. (Contract details are provided in a CONFIDENTIAL workpaper).
- 12 **Haleywest** - This purchase is from the cogeneration plant at Plummer, Idaho. Pro forma costs are based on expected generation and pro forma period contract rates. This

1 contract expires September 2006, but expectation is that it will be extended at avoided
2 cost rates. (Contract details are provided in a CONFIDENTIAL workpaper).

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4 13 **Spokane-Upriver** - Pro forma expense is based on the new contract effective July
5 2004. Pro forma expense is based on a purchase on the net of pumping (at the plant)
6 generation at a rate equal to the eight year levelized avoided cost included in the
7 Company's 2003 Integrated Resource Plan.

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9 14 **Black Creek Index Purchase** - Expense is for an October purchase at index prices less
10 transmission expense and a margin.

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12 15 **Contract A** - This is a power purchase for the period January 2007 through December
13 2010 (Contract details are provided in a CONFIDENTIAL workpaper).

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15 16 **Contract B** - This is a power purchase for the period January 2007 through December
16 2010 (Contract details are provided in a CONFIDENTIAL workpaper).

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18 17 **Contract C** - This is a power purchase for the period January 2007 through December
19 2010 (Contract details are provided in a CONFIDENTIAL workpaper).

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21 18 **Contract D** - This is a power purchase for the period January 2007 through December
22 2010 (Contract details are provided in a CONFIDENTIAL workpaper).

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24 19 **CS2 Exchange** - The CS2 exchange expense is for an arrangement where Avista has
25 the option to deliver power at the Coyote Springs 2 bus and receive power at the Mid
26 Columbia.

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28 20 **TRC Purpa Purchase** - The TRC (Thompson River Cogen) purchase is a pending
29 agreement to purchase power from a qualifying cogeneration facility.

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31 21 **PPM-Stateline Wind Purchase** - Pro forma expense is for a ten-year purchase from a
32 Northwest wind project. Expense is based on expected energy amount times the
33 contract rate. (Contract details are provided in a CONFIDENTIAL workpaper).

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37 23 **Microwave Charge** - Contract ended in 2006.

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39 24 **BPA Power Factor Penalty Charge** - As part of its 2002 Transmission Rate Case,
40 BPA began charging interconnected control areas for reactive power supplied by BPA.
41 Pro forma expense is based on recent BPA charges.

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- 26 **Broker Commission Fees** - Pro forma expense is associated with purchases and sales of electricity and natural gas fuel.
- 27 **Fixed Cost Gas Purchases** - This is the expense for natural gas purchased for but not consumed for generation. Pro forma expense is \$0 because all gas purchased is assumed to be used for generation, and is included in Account 547.
- 28 **Total Account 557**
- 29 **Kettle Falls Wood Fuel Cost** - Pro forma fuel expense is based on the generation of the Kettle Falls plant in the AURORA model simulation and the unit cost of fuel.
- 30 **Colstrip Coal Cost** - Pro forma fuel expense is based on the generation of the Colstrip plant in the AURORA model simulation and the unit cost of fuel.
- 31 **Colstrip Oil** - Pro forma expense is for start-up oil expense.
- 32 **Total Account 501**
- 33 **Coyote Springs Gas** - Pro forma expense is an output of the AURORA model simulation based on the unit cost of fuel and the dispatch of the plant, which determines the volume of fuel consumed.
- 34 **Gas Transportation Charge** - This expense is for transportation of natural gas from AECO to the Coyote Springs 2 plant. Pro forma expense is based on transportation charges in Canada and from the Canadian Border (Kingsgate) and for the Coyote Springs lateral.
- 35 **Rathdrum Gas** - Pro forma expense is an output of the AURORA model simulation based on the unit cost of fuel and the dispatch of the plant, which determines the volume of fuel consumed.
- 36 **Northeast CT Gas** - Pro forma expense is an output of the AURORA model simulation based on the unit cost of fuel and the dispatch of the plant, which determines the volume of fuel consumed.
- 37 **Boulder Park Gas** - Pro forma expense is an output of the AURORA model simulation based on the unit cost of fuel and the dispatch of the plant, which determines the volume of fuel consumed.
- 38 **Kettle Falls CT Gas** - Pro forma expense is an output of the AURORA model simulation based on the unit cost of fuel and the dispatch of the plant, which determines the volume of fuel consumed.

- 1 39 **Rathdrum Gas Storage Fee** - Contract ended April 2005.
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5 41 **WNP-3 Transmission** - Pro forma WNP-3 wheeling is based on 32.22 MW at a rate of
6 \$2.02/kW/mo through Sep. 2007 and \$2.12/kW/mo Oct through Dec 2007.
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8 42 **Grant Transmission** - Expense is for transmission purchased from Grant PUD through
9 Oct. 2007 and is offset by transmission revenue.
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11 43 **Black Creek Wheeling** - Expense is for wheeling and shaping associated with the
12 Black Creek power purchase.
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14 44 **Wheeling for System Sales and Purchases** - Pro forma expense is short-term
15 transmission purchases and is based on an average of the past five years.
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17 45 **BPA PTP Wheeling for Colstrip and Coyote Springs 2** - This wheeling is for the
18 transmission of 196 MW from Colstrip at the Garrison Substation and 222 MW from
19 the Coyote Springs 2 plant to Avista's system. Pro forma expense is based on 418 MW
20 of capacity at a rate of \$1.504/kW/mo through Sep. 2007 and \$1.579 Oct. through Dec.
21 2007.
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23 46 **BPA Townsend-Garrison Wheeling** - This expense is for the transmission of Colstrip
24 power from the Townsend Substation to the Garrison Substation.
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26 47 **Avista on BPA Borderline** - This expense is to serve Avista load off of BPA
27 transmission. Pro forma expense is based on Avista's borderline loads priced at BPA's
28 NT transmission rates plus ancillary services cost and use of facilities charges.
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30 48 **Kootenai for Worley** - This expense is for Avista load served using Kootenai PUD's
31 facilities.
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33 49 **Sagle-Northern Lights** - Expense is for transmission purchased from Northern Light
34 Utility to serve Avista customers in northern Idaho.
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36 50 **Garrison Burke** - Garrison Burke wheeling is an expense for the transmission of
37 Colstrip energy above 196 MW from the Garrison Substation over Montana Power's
38 transmission system to the interconnection of Montana and Avista at Burke. The pro
39 forma expense is based on the five-year average expense.
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41 51 **PGE Firm Wheeling** - PGE firm wheeling reflects the cost of transmission from the
42 John Day Substation to COB (Intertie South) purchased from Portland General Electric.
43 The pro forma expense is based on 100 MW at the current rate of \$.53549/kW/mo.
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1 52 **Total Account 565**

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3 53 **Headwater Benefits Expense** - Pro forma expense is based on the expense for contract
4 year September 2005 through August 2006.

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6 54 **Rathdrum Lease Payments** - Pro forma expense is \$0 because the Company
7 purchased the plant in September 2006.

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9 55 **Rathdrum Municipal Payment** - This includes a payment in Jan. 2007 of \$155,240
10 and amortization of a \$1 million payment in 1995 to the city of Rathdrum for mitigation
11 related to the Rathdrum generating facility.

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13 56 **Total Expenses** - Sum of Accounts 555, 556, 557, 501, 547, 656, 536, 550, 549 and
14 553.

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16 57 **Short-Term Market Sales** - Short-term sales volumes and market prices are
17 normalized through use of the AURORA model simulation. The pro forma value
18 reflects short-term sales during the pro forma period.

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20 58 **Peaker (PGE) Capacity Sale** - This pro forma revenue is based on 150 MW of
21 capacity at a price of \$1/kW/mo.

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23 59 **Spokane Energy Service Fee** - This is an expense associated with the Peaker (PGE)
24 Capacity Sale. The pro forma revenue reduction in Account 447 is \$63,000, of which
25 \$48,000 is included as Spokane Energy Scheduling Service revenue in Account 456.

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27 60 **Nichols Pumping Sale** - This is a sale of energy to other Colstrip Units 3 and 4 owners
28 at the Mid Columbia index price. Pro forma revenue is based on 8 MW at the market
29 price as determined by the AURORA model.

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31 61 **BPA on Avista Load Following Revenue** - Revenue is included in transmission
32 revenues.

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34 62 **Kaiser DES** - This contract provides load control services to Kaiser's Trentwood plant.
35 (Contract details are provided in a CONFIDENTIAL workpaper).

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37 63 **Pend Oreille DES & Spinning Reserves** - This contract provides load control and
38 spinning reserves for Pend Oreille PUD. (Contract details are provided in a
39 CONFIDENTIAL workpaper).

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41 64 **Northwestern Load Following** - This contract provides load control services to
42 Northwestern Energy. (Contract details are provided in a CONFIDENTIAL workpaper).

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44 65 **Total Account 447**

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- 66 **Spokane Energy Scheduling Services** - This revenue is for scheduling services provided to Spokane Energy to serve the Peaker (PGE) Capacity Sale. This revenue (except \$15,000 retained to pay for administrative expenses related to servicing the contract) offsets the revenue reduction in Account 447.
- 67 **Gas Not Consumed Sales Revenue** - This is the revenue for natural gas purchased for but not consumed for generation. Pro forma expense is \$0 because all gas purchased is assumed to be used for generation, and is included in Account 547.
- 68 **Total Account 456**
- 69 **Upstream Storage Revenue** - Pro forma revenue is based on the revenue for contract year September 2005 through August 2006.
- 70 **Colstrip Rents** - Pro forma revenue is based on expected revenue.
- 71 **Total Revenue** - Sum of Accounts 447, 456, 453 and 454.
- 72 **Total Net Expense** - Total expense minus total revenue.
- 73 **Settlement/Compliance Filing Adjustments** - This is the total level of adjustments approved in Docket Nos. UE-050482 and UG-050483 (Consolidated), Order No. 5 "Approving and Adopting Settlement Agreement With Conditions" dated December 21, 2005.
- 74 **Total Net Expense with Adjustments** - This is the total net expense including the Settlement/Compliance Filing Adjustments.

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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EXHIBIT NO.__(WGJ-4)

WILLIAM G. JOHNSON

REPRESENTING AVISTA CORPORATION

**Avista Corp.
Market Purchases and Sales, Plant Generation and Fuel Cost Summary
Proforma January 2007 - December 2007**

	744 Jan-05	872 Feb-05	744 Mar-05	710 Apr-05	744 May-05	720 Jun-05	744 Jul-05	744 Aug-05	720 Sep-04	745 Oct-04	720 Nov-04	744 Dec-04
Market Sales - Dollars	\$3,982,867	\$5,445,666	\$2,791,110	\$9,480,845	\$10,128,139	\$10,088,565	\$5,668,178	\$2,463,987	\$4,646,415	\$1,778,800	\$4,043,734	\$7,057,694
Market Sales - MWh	(1,250,811)	(49,136)	(44,683)	(167,263)	(257,736)	(269,387)	(129,496)	(35,699)	(59,714)	(26,120)	(54,432)	(87,788)
Average Market Sales Price -\$/MWh	\$53.95	\$110.95	\$62.46	\$56.68	\$39.30	\$37.59	\$43.77	\$69.02	\$76.14	\$66.10	\$74.29	\$80.40
Market Purchases - Dollars	\$38,863,500	\$5,420,321	\$4,629,046	\$400,289	\$159,346	\$176,948	\$3,602,277	\$5,365,226	\$3,602,277	\$5,112,254	\$3,205,463	\$4,659,165
Market Purchases - MWh	522,097	78,020	63,290	6,729	3,474	4,441	17,464	17,464	49,406	71,665	39,651	59,400
Average Market Purchase Price -\$/MWh	\$70.61	\$69.47	\$73.14	\$45.86	\$45.87	\$51.68	\$69.52	\$72.91	\$72.91	\$71.32	\$80.64	\$78.44
Net Market Purchases (Sales) MWh	28,885	(37,492)	18,607	(159,535)	(254,262)	(263,946)	(95,825)	(41,765)	(10,308)	(45,565)	(14,780)	(28,388)
Net Market Purchases (Sales) \$/MWh	\$83	\$39	\$56	\$220	\$342	\$367	\$129	\$56	\$14	\$61	\$21	\$38
Average Sale and Purchase Price -\$/MWh	\$58.85	\$73.95	\$68.72	\$56.15	\$39.38	\$37.63	\$45.40	\$69.36	\$74.69	\$70.46	\$77.05	\$79.61
Colstrip MWh	1,604,948	137,700	140,253	96,680	81,884	96,416	130,737	157,084	152,771	155,771	151,731	153,524
Colstrip Fuel Cost \$/MWh	\$9.24	\$9.24	\$9.24	\$9.24	\$9.24	\$9.24	\$9.24	\$9.24	\$9.24	\$9.24	\$9.24	\$9.24
Colstrip Fuel Cost	\$14,834,270	\$1,272,739	\$1,296,335	\$893,594	\$756,837	\$891,155	\$1,208,383	\$1,451,897	\$1,412,133	\$1,439,764	\$1,402,425	\$1,418,997
Kettle Falls MWh	376,317	33,429	33,347	32,222	33,171	15,515	33,252	33,491	32,450	33,469	32,359	33,461
Kettle Falls Fuel Cost \$/MWh	\$27.15	\$24.82	\$26.14	\$27.60	\$27.88	\$27.89	\$27.88	\$27.88	\$27.82	\$27.98	\$27.98	\$27.31
Kettle Falls Fuel Cost	\$10,216,430	\$829,824	\$871,758	\$893,312	\$924,747	\$432,939	\$927,438	\$927,009	\$902,913	\$936,587	\$902,118	\$913,496
Coyote Springs MWh	1,390,544	146,689	116,581	92,345	40,819	57,296	90,598	142,264	152,124	146,437	137,954	147,859
Coyote Springs Fuel Cost \$/MWh	\$62.76	\$69.27	\$69.11	\$69.11	\$69.73	\$69.59	\$69.59	\$69.59	\$69.59	\$69.59	\$69.59	\$69.59
Coyote Springs Fuel Cost	\$87,269,141	\$10,073,796	\$8,066,404	\$7,955,270	\$7,955,270	\$3,410,533	\$5,259,280	\$8,232,102	\$8,615,361	\$8,659,734	\$8,655,093	\$10,007,095
Boulder Park MWh	26,351	2,027	2,055	2,419	1,418	712	952	2,515	2,824	2,873	3,322	2,959
Boulder Park Fuel Cost \$/MWh	\$82.95	\$91.39	\$89.82	\$76.04	\$74.66	\$75.12	\$76.93	\$77.69	\$78.23	\$79.14	\$84.32	\$90.71
Boulder Park Fuel Cost	\$2,185,928	\$185,259	\$184,610	\$183,937	\$105,866	\$53,469	\$73,228	\$195,354	\$220,922	\$227,373	\$280,109	\$268,417
Kettle Falls CT MWh	1,089	231	31	149	36	7	37	162	96	96	39	25
Kettle Falls CT Fuel Cost \$/MWh	\$81.25	\$87.94	\$86.40	\$73.40	\$71.70	\$72.98	\$74.87	\$75.12	\$74.90	\$75.35	\$81.29	\$89.01
Kettle Falls CT Fuel Cost	\$88,481	\$20,349	\$2,656	\$10,955	\$2,564	\$517	\$2,736	\$12,191	\$7,221	\$2,940	\$2,046	\$7,780
Rathdrum MWh	51,272	5,258	2,940	4,620	2,316	1,109	1,586	4,654	4,702	5,386	5,986	7,316
Rathdrum Fuel Cost \$/MWh	\$105.67	\$115.62	\$113.26	\$96.04	\$94.01	\$95.08	\$97.20	\$98.28	\$98.69	\$99.53	\$106.16	\$114.97
Rathdrum Fuel Cost	\$3,417,860	\$607,969	\$332,997	\$443,650	\$217,732	\$105,449	\$154,106	\$467,417	\$464,052	\$536,093	\$635,640	\$841,075
Northeast MWh	3,587	551	703	151	132	51	60	317	245	256	209	564
Northeast Fuel Cost \$/MWh	\$121.02	\$129.30	\$126.99	\$107.94	\$105.07	\$107.41	\$109.88	\$110.84	\$111.16	\$111.02	\$119.55	\$130.31
Northeast Fuel Cost	\$434,145	\$71,180	\$90,886	\$16,227	\$13,853	\$5,494	\$6,605	\$35,083	\$27,211	\$28,409	\$25,010	\$73,521
Total Fuel Expense	\$120,445,235	\$13,118,208	\$10,662,853	\$8,014,314	\$4,418,871	\$4,899,546	\$7,631,776	\$11,311,052	\$11,849,833	\$11,830,901	\$11,942,441	\$13,530,371
Net Fuel and Purchase Expense	\$89,833,715											

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EXHIBIT NO.__(WGJ-5)

WILLIAM G. JOHNSON

REPRESENTING AVISTA CORPORATION

Avista Corp.
Energy Recovery Mechanism
Proposed Power Supply Expense, Transmission Expense and Revenue, and Retail Sales

ERM Power Supply Expense

	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Purchased Power - Acct 555	108,392,826	12,923,228	9,405,902	10,965,867	6,585,667	5,264,016	4,980,019	6,851,001	10,271,710	8,388,088	10,439,209	10,395,093	12,123,054
Thermal Fuel - Acct 501	25,250,700	2,236,301	2,047,904	2,184,760	1,798,573	1,698,251	1,340,761	2,152,488	2,395,573	2,331,712	2,393,018	2,321,210	2,349,150
Natural Gas Fuel - Acct 547	103,550,193	11,413,332	9,899,383	9,189,313	6,925,961	3,431,840	4,270,005	6,190,477	9,626,668	10,229,310	10,149,072	10,332,420	11,892,411
Sales for Resale - Acct 447	75,317,764	4,778,379	6,180,698	3,531,968	10,109,375	10,638,615	10,565,393	6,232,363	3,188,392	5,256,712	2,400,526	4,715,239	7,720,105
Broker Fees	108,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000
Net Power Supply Expense	161,983,954	21,803,482	15,181,491	18,816,972	5,210,798	-235,508	34,392	8,770,603	19,114,559	15,701,399	20,589,773	18,342,484	18,653,509
ERM Transmission Expense	13,625,450	1,131,803	1,130,923	1,131,803	1,128,014	1,128,320	1,128,026	1,128,320	1,128,320	1,128,026	1,188,101	1,086,751	1,087,044
ERM Transmission Revenue	9,892,740	847,493	847,889	848,238	847,122	848,187	847,461	847,669	849,420	847,966	846,799	719,671	694,824

Washington ERM Retail Sales, kWh

	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Schedule 1	2,369,814,816	288,891,426	233,551,231	230,312,140	196,150,377	162,191,414	151,921,294	154,548,835	174,077,237	163,652,262	171,526,894	179,961,866	263,029,839
Schedule 11/12	419,172,101	41,568,861	38,353,630	37,049,672	34,040,115	31,046,446	30,337,673	31,611,840	33,375,227	33,830,615	33,410,559	32,666,774	41,860,688
Schedule 21/22	1,568,071,363	135,788,063	131,744,693	129,228,304	123,606,584	123,827,406	129,157,927	118,810,043	134,577,612	135,667,649	140,951,968	126,554,410	138,156,702
Schedule 25	995,710,203	83,794,799	82,076,393	76,974,205	80,550,248	81,334,167	82,879,005	84,101,985	88,099,640	85,869,160	81,958,788	84,095,399	83,976,415
Schedule 31/32	121,950,109	3,708,266	3,848,351	3,611,633	4,884,507	8,978,574	13,456,597	18,523,921	22,340,857	20,809,903	12,648,572	5,489,590	3,668,338
Schedules 41 - 49	27,361,858	2,300,859	2,278,737	2,327,157	2,275,808	2,274,385	2,272,359	2,273,095	2,279,286	2,270,781	2,266,423	2,272,332	2,270,636
Total kWhs	5,502,080,450	556,072,274	491,853,035	479,503,111	441,507,640	409,652,392	410,024,855	409,869,719	454,749,860	442,100,370	442,764,205	431,020,371	532,962,619
Adj to Calendar	-8,150,708	-26,838,248	-26,838,248	13,127,776	-26,608,255	2,308,488	-3,897,127	41,519,760	12,501,699	-32,463,979	11,797,690	18,965,643	-2,262,739
Calendar 2007 PF Load	5,502,080,450	547,921,566	465,014,786	492,630,887	414,899,385	411,960,880	406,127,728	451,389,479	467,251,559	409,636,391	454,561,895	449,986,014	530,699,879