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VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

Carole Washburn
Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Pk. Dr. S.W.
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Re: UG-041515 Avista Corporation Natural Gas Rate Increase of \$8.6 million

Dear Secretary Washburn:

The Public Counsel Section of the Washington State Attorney General's Office recommends suspension of this filing and that the matter be set for hearing. We look forward to participating in the Commission's investigation and concur in the Commission Staff's recommendation that this matter be suspended.

Sincerely,

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