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**VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS  
AND ELECTRONIC FILING**

Carol Washburn  
Executive Secretary  
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Commission  
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Re: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission vs. Avista Corporation,  
d/b/a Avista Utilities*  
WUTC Docket Nos. UE-070804 and UG-070805

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Enclosed please find an original and 16 copies of the Petition to Intervene and the Notice of Appearance on behalf of the Northwest Industrial Gas Users (NWIGU) in the above-referenced dockets. An electronic submission will be sent to the Records Center on May 18, 2007 as well as to all parties listed on the service list.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,



Chad M. Stokes

CMS/tr  
Enclosures  
cc: Service List

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

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND	)	DOCKET NOS.
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,	)	UG-070805 AND UE-070804
	)	(consolidated)
Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL GAS
	)	USERS' PETITION TO INTERVENE
AVISTA CORPORATION d/b/a AVISTA	)	
UTILITIES,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	
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1. The Northwest Industrial Gas Users ("NWIGU") hereby submits this Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned proceedings.
2. The following name and address for NWIGU should be included on the official list of parties of record in these proceedings, and all correspondence and communications concerning these proceedings should be addressed to:

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Paula Pyron is designated as the person to receive service of documents on behalf of NWIGU in this proceeding.

3. Ed Finklea and Chad Stokes of Cable Huston Benedict Haagenzen & Lloyd LLP will represent NWIGU in these proceedings, and have filed a separate Notice of Appearance as

required in WAC §480-07-345(2). All correspondence and communications concerning these proceedings should be addressed to:

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4. This Petition to Intervene is submitted pursuant to WAC § 480-07-355. As required by WAC §480-07-145(2) (d), NWIGU has provided this Petition by electronic mail. In support of this Petition to Intervene, NWIGU states the following:
5. NWIGU is a nonprofit association comprised of thirty-five end-users of natural gas with major facilities in the states of Washington, Oregon and Idaho. NWIGU members include diverse industrial interests, including food processing, pulp and paper, wood products, electric generation, aluminum, steel, chemicals, electronics and aerospace. The association provides an information service to its members and participates in various regulatory matters that affect member interests. NWIGU member companies purchase natural gas sales and transportation services from local distribution companies ("LDCs"), including Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities ("Avista" or the "Company").
6. On April 26, 2007, Avista submitted to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission ("WUTC" or "Commission") a filing requesting a general rate increase for its natural gas and electric services. Avista's filing proposes a \$4.5 million or 2.3 percent increase for gas service and a \$51.1 million or 15.8 percent increase for electric service with a requested

effective date of June 1, 2007. The WUTC has suspended the filing and set the matter for hearing.

7. Avista's request for authority to charge higher rates for its natural gas services will impact the interests of NWIGU member companies. NWIGU members have a direct and substantial interest in Avista's request for authority to increase the rates charged to natural gas customers. No other party can adequately represent NWIGU member companies' interests, and the Commission's determination in this proceeding will directly affect NWIGU member companies.
8. NWIGU reserves the right to propound data requests, review responses to data requests, submit testimony and exhibits, call witnesses, cross-examine all witnesses called by other parties and submit any written arguments and motions that may be appropriate to represent its interests in these proceedings.
9. NWIGU's participation in these proceedings will assist the Commission in resolving the issues in these proceedings and will not unreasonably broaden the issues, unduly burden the record, or delay these proceedings.

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10. WHEREFORE, based upon the foregoing, NWIGU respectfully requests leave to intervene as a party in these proceedings, with all of the procedural and substantive rights associated with full party status as described in WAC §480-07-340.

Dated: May 18, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,



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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all parties of record (listed below) in these proceedings by mailing a copy properly addressed with first class postage prepaid.

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Dated in Portland, Oregon this 18th day of May, 2007.



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