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Carole Washburn  
Executive Secretary  
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R e: In the Matter of the Petition of Avista Corporation, d/b/a Avista Utilities for an Order Authorizing Implementation of Natural Gas Decoupling Mechanism and to Record Accounting Entries Associated with the Mechanism  
Docket Nos. UG-060518

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Enclosed please find the original and eight copies each of Public Counsel's Pre-Hearing Brief for filing in the above-entitled docket.

Sincerely,

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