

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**Dockets UE-240006 & UG-240007 (*Consolidated*)**

*Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission v. Avista Utilities d/b/a Avista Corp*

**RESPONSE OF PUBLIC COUNSEL  
TO ALLIANCE OF WESTERN ENERGY CONSUMERS'  
DATA REQUEST NO(S). 001 through 004**

Request No: 002  
Directed to: Public Counsel  
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**AWEC DATA REQUEST NO. 002 TO PUBLIC COUNSEL**

**Re: Rate Spread. Please refer to Exh. DED-10T at 5:14-17:**

- A. Does Public Counsel believe it would be unfair for Residential Service customers to subsidize other rate schedules? If not, why not?
- B. Does Public Counsel believe it is unfair for other rate schedules to subsidize Residential Service customers? If not, why not?

**RESPONSE:**

Public Counsel believes that subsidies can exist provided they are consistent with good regulatory principles and policy goals.