

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

AVISTA CORPORATION, D/B/A
AVISTA UTILITIES,

Respondent.

DOCKET UE-170485 and
UG-170486 (*Consolidated*)

OFFER OF PUBLIC COMMENT
EXHIBIT NO. BR-7

1. Public Counsel hereby offers this Public Comment Exhibit No. BR-7 for admission into the record of the proceeding.
2. Public Comment Exhibit No. BR-7. The exhibit consists of letters, phone messages, e-mails, oral comments, and other written materials submitted by the public to provide comment on the Avista Utilities general rate case. These materials were submitted to the Commission and to the office of Public Counsel. The comments are submitted in electronic form on the enclosed compact disc (CD).
3. All e-mail, written, and internet comments received by the Commission were input into a database by Commission Consumer Protection and Communications Staff. Output from this database has been included in a .pdf file titled "BR-7 Comment Matrix - UTC.pdf." In the case of comments received via mail, by the Commission, the documents were scanned into .pdf files and are identified in the database. The UTC received identical copies of comments from the Aging and Long Term Care of Eastern Washington, and from an individual, David Wiesel. We have only included one of each communication in the attachments to prevent repetitiveness.

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4. Public Counsel received a total of six comments via e-mail, three of which are non-duplicative.¹ Where an individual submitted two separate comments, the comments count collectively as one comment, but both comments are provided in this filing for completeness.²

5. The submitted material has been counted as follows:

a. Comments received by WUTC

Opposing the rate increase	181
Supporting the rate increase	0
Undecided comments	10

b. Comments received by Public Counsel

Opposing the rate increase	6 Received, 3 Non-Duplicative
Supporting the rate increase	0
Undecided Comments	0

6. Public Counsel submits a total of 197 public comments in the exhibit. Of these, 184 oppose the requested rate increase and zero (0) support the request. Ten (10) neither oppose nor support Avista's request.

7. DATED this 24th day of January 2018.

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¹ See BR-7 Comment Matrix – PC.pdf.

² Mr. Mack H. Cain and Mr. Richard Olberding submitted two differently worded comments. See UTC comment attachment 'Mack Cain.pdf,' and PCU comment attachments '170485-86 Cain.pdf,' '170485-86 Olberding 1.pdf,' and '170485-86 Olberding 2.pdf'.