

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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ADRIEN M. MCKENZIE

REPRESENTING AVISTA CORPORATION

## **QUALIFICATIONS OF ADRIEN M. MCKENZIE**

**Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.**

A. My name is Adrien M. McKenzie. My business address is 3907 Red River St., Austin, Texas 78751.

**Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR OCCUPATION.**

A. I am a principal in FINCAP, Inc., a firm engaged primarily in financial, economic, and policy consulting in the field of public utility regulation.

**Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE.**

A. I received B.A. and M.B.A. degrees with a major in finance from The University of Texas at Austin, and hold the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA<sup>®</sup>) designation. Since joining FINCAP in 1984, I have participated in consulting assignments involving a broad range of economic and financial issues, including cost of capital, cost of service, rate design, economic damages, and business valuation. I have extensive experience in economic and financial analysis for regulated industries, and in preparing and supporting expert witness testimony before courts, regulatory agencies, and legislative committees throughout the U.S. and Canada. I have personally sponsored direct and rebuttal testimony in approximately seventy-five proceedings filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”), the Regulatory Commission of Alaska, the Colorado Public Utilities Commission, the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission, the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, the Iowa Utilities Board, the Kansas State Corporation Commission, the Kentucky Public Service Commission, the Maryland Public Service Commission, the Montana Public Service Commission, the

Nebraska Public Service Commission, the Ohio Public Utilities Commission, the Oregon Public Utilities Commission, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, the Virginia State Corporation Commission, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, the West Virginia Public Service Commission, and the Wyoming Public Service Commission.<sup>1</sup> My testimony addressed the establishment of risk-comparable proxy groups, the application of alternative quantitative methods, and the consideration of regulatory standards and policy objectives in establishing a fair rate of return on equity for regulated electric, gas, and water utility operations. In connection with these assignments, my responsibilities have included critically evaluating the positions of other parties and preparation of rebuttal testimony, representing clients in settlement negotiations and hearings, and assisting in the preparation of legal briefs.

FINCAP was formed in 1979 as an economic and financial consulting firm serving clients in both the regulated and competitive sectors. FINCAP conducts assignments ranging from broad qualitative analyses and policy consulting to technical analyses and research. The firm's experience is in the areas of public utilities, valuation of closely-held businesses, and economic evaluations (e.g., damage and cost/benefit analyses). Prior to joining FINCAP, I was employed by an oil and gas firm and was responsible for operations and accounting. I am a member of the CFA Institute and the CFA Society of Austin. A resume containing the details of my qualifications and experience is attached below.

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<sup>1</sup> Over the course of my career, prepared prefiled direct and rebuttal testimony in over 250 regulatory proceedings before FERC, the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission, and regulatory agencies in over 30 states. This testimony was sponsored by Dr. William Avera, who was formerly President of FINCAP, Inc.

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**Summary of Qualifications**

Adrien McKenzie has an MBA in finance from the University of Texas at Austin and holds the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA<sup>®</sup>) designation. He has over 25 years of experience in economic and financial analysis for regulated industries, and in preparing and supporting expert witness testimony before courts, regulatory agencies, and legislative committees throughout the U.S. and Canada. Assignments have included a broad range of economic and financial issues, including cost of capital, cost of service, rate design, economic damages, and business valuation.

**Employment**

*President*  
FINCAP, Inc.  
(June 1984 to June 1987)  
(April 1988 to present)

Economic consulting firm specializing in regulated industries and valuation of closely-held businesses. Assignments have involved electric, gas, telecommunication, and water/sewer utilities, with clients including utilities, consumer groups, municipalities, regulatory agencies, and cogenerators. Areas of participation have included rate of return, revenue requirements, rate design, tariff analysis, avoided cost, forecasting, and negotiations. Develop cost of capital analyses using alternative market models for electric, gas, and telephone utilities. Prepare pre-filed direct and rebuttal testimony, participate in settlement negotiations, respond to interrogatories, evaluate opposition testimony, and assist in the areas of cross-examination and the preparations of legal briefs. Other assignments have involved preparation of technical reports, valuations, estimation of damages, industry studies, and various economic analyses in support of litigation.

*Manager,*  
McKenzie Energy Company  
(Jan. 1981 to May. 1984)

Responsible for operations and accounting for firm engaged in the management of working interests in oil and gas properties.

## **Education**

*M.B.A., Finance,*  
University of Texas at Austin  
(Sep. 1982 to May. 1984)

Program included coursework in corporate finance, accounting, financial modeling, and statistics. Received Dean's Award for Academic Excellence and Good Neighbor Scholarship.

Professional Report: *The Impact of Construction Expenditures on Investor-Owned Electric Utilities*

*B.B.A., Finance,*  
University of Texas at Austin  
(Jan. 1981 to May 1982)

Electives included capital market theory, portfolio management, and international economics and finance. Elected to Beta Gamma Sigma business honor society. Dean's List 1981-1982.

Simon Fraser University,  
Vancouver, Canada and University  
of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu,  
Hawaii  
(Jan. 1979 to Dec 1980)

Coursework in accounting, finance, economics, and liberal arts.

## **Professional Associations**

Received Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA®) designation in 1990.

*Member* – CFA Institute.

## **Bibliography**

“A Profile of State Regulatory Commissions,” A Special Report by the Electricity Consumers Resource Council (ELCON), Summer 1991.

“The Impact of Regulatory Climate on Utility Capital Costs: An Alternative Test,” with Bruce H. Fairchild, *Public Utilities Fortnightly* (May 25, 1989).

## **Presentations**

“ROE at FERC: Issues and Methods,” *Expert Briefing on Parallels in ROE Issues between AER, ERA, and FERC*, Jones Day (Sydney, Melbourne, and Perth, Australia) (April 15, 2014).

*Cost of Capital Working Group eforum*, Edison Electric Institute (April 24, 2012).

“Cost-of-Service Studies and Rate Design,” General Management of Electric Utilities (A Training Program for Electric Utility Managers from Developing Countries), Austin, Texas (October 1989 and November 1990 and 1991).

**Representative Assignments**

Mr. McKenzie has prepared and supported prefiled testimony submitted in over 250 regulatory proceedings. In addition to filings before regulators in over thirty state jurisdictions, Mr. McKenzie has considerable expertise in preparing expert analyses and testimony before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) on the issue of rate of return on equity (“ROE”), and has broad experience in applying and evaluating the results of quantitative methods to estimate a fair ROE, including discounted cash flow approaches, the Capital Asset Pricing Model, risk premium methods, and other quantitative benchmarks. Other representative assignments have included the application of econometric models to analyze the impact of anti-competitive behavior and estimate lost profits; development of explanatory models for nuclear plant capital costs in connection with prudency reviews; and the analysis of avoided cost pricing for cogenerated power.