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Steven V. King
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Re: *WUTC v. Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities,*
Dockets UE-150204, UG-150205

Dear Mr. King:

Enclosed please find the Offer of Public Comment Exhibit on behalf of Public Counsel for filing in the above-entitled dockets, together with a CD attachment. The exhibit attachment consists of letters, e-mails, and other written materials submitted by the public to the Commission and to Public Counsel to provide comment on the above-captioned matters. Due to volume, the comments are provided on CD only. Two copies of the CD are provided for filing.

Sincerely,

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

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

AVISTA CORPORATION D/B/A
AVISTA UTILITIES,

Respondent.

DOCKETS UE-150204 and
UG-150205 (*consolidated*)

OFFER OF PUBLIC COMMENT
BENCH EXHIBIT NO. 6

1. Public Counsel hereby offers this Public Comment Exhibit for admission into the record of the proceeding.
2. Public Comment Bench Exhibit No. 6. The exhibit consists of letters, e-mails, and other written materials submitted by the public commenting on the Avista general rate case. These letters and materials were submitted to the Commission and to Public Counsel. The comments are submitted in electronic form on the enclosed CD.
3. All e-mail and written comments received by Public Counsel were scanned into one (1) .pdf file, titled "Comments Received by PC." 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 "Avista Comment Summary." In the case of comments received via mail, or at the Public Comment Hearings, by the Commission, the documents were scanned into a .pdf file labeled

“Avista written comments” and are identified in the database as well. These three (3) .pdf files provide all comments submitted in the case.

4. The submitted materials have been counted as follows:

a.	<u>Comments received by Commission</u>	104
	Opposing the rate increase	96
	Supporting the rate increase	0
	Undecided comments	8
b.	<u>Comments received by Public Counsel</u>	1
	Opposing the rate increase	1
	Supporting the rate increase	0
	Undecided Comments	0

5. Public Counsel submits a total of one hundred and five (105) public comments in the exhibit. Of these, ninety-seven (97) oppose the requested rate increase. Eight (8) neither oppose nor support Avista’s request.

6. DATED this 19th day of October, 2015.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

UE-150204 and UG-150205
WUTC v. Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities

I, Chanda Mak, do hereby certify that I have this day served a true and correct copy of *Public Comment Bench Exhibit No. 6* to all parties of record listed and by the manner indicated below:

SERVICE LIST

HC = Receive Highly Confidential; C = Receive Confidential;

NC = Receive Non-Confidential

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