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Carole Washburn, Executive Secretary Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S. W. P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

RE: 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 No. UG-060518

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission is a copy of the Company's "Answer of Avista Corporation to Motion Requesting that Official Notice be Taken" in the above referenced docket. An original and eight copies of this answer will also be delivered via overnight mail, in addition to an electronic copy sent via email to those parties listed on the attached certificate of service.

Sincerely,

Kelly Norwood

Vice President, State and Federal Regulation

Avista Corporation

Enclosures

cc: See attached service list

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have served Avista Corporation's Answer to Motion that Official Notice be Taken, in Docket UG-060518 by mailing a copy thereof, postage prepaid to the following:

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Dated at Spokane, Washington this 17th day of January, 2007.

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