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I. INTRODUCTION

Q. Please state your full name, business address, and company name.

A. My name is M. Sami Khawaja, and my business address is 720 SW Washington Street, Portland, OR 97205. My employer is The Cadmus Group, Inc.

Q. On whose behalf are you presenting testimony in this proceeding?

A. The Cadmus Group was retained by Avista to serve as the third-party independent evaluator of its 2010 and 2011 DSM programs. Although the Cadmus Group contract is with Avista, and my testimony is submitted as part of the Avista filing, the content of my testimony represents our independent review of Avista’s DSM programs.

Q. Have you previously submitted testimony in this proceeding?

A. No, I have not.

Q. Please describe your qualification.

A. I hold a doctorate degree in Economics and Systems Science. I have been conducting demand side management (DSM) program impact and process evaluations since 1983. I am the author of the *Electric Power Research Institute Impact Evaluation Guide*, coauthor of the *International Performance, Measurement, and Verification Protocols*, coauthor of the *Environmental Protection Agency National Action Plan for Energy Efficiency Impact Evaluation Guide*, and author of over 30 papers on evaluation issues. I have taught over 40 evaluation and cost-effectiveness workshops nationally and internationally. I am one of the Association for Energy

1 Service Professionals trainers. I am currently an adjunct professor of economics at
2 Portland State University.

3 **Q. Describe your current and previous job responsibilities.**

4 A. For the last three years I have managed the Energy Service Division (a
5 group of 150 energy professionals) at The Cadmus Group. In 1998 I started an energy
6 efficiency evaluation and planning firm called Quantec. The company grew to 60
7 professionals and was purchased by Cadmus in 2008. Prior to that I held various
8 positions at other consulting firms, PacifiCorp, and Portland State University.

9 **Q. Describe your involvement in the delivery of Avista DSM programs.**

10 A. The Cadmus Group was retained by Avista to serve as the third-party
11 independent evaluator of its 2010 and 2011 DSM programs. As such, we conducted
12 impact and process evaluations of the programs in the residential, non-residential, and
13 low-income sectors. The evaluation covered both electric and gas programs.

14 **Q. Were the evaluations prepared in accordance with industry
15 standards?**

16 A. Yes. All evaluations were conducted in a manner meeting industry
17 standards and established protocols. These include: (1) International Program
18 Measurement and Verification Protocols: Concepts and Options for Determining
19 Energy and Water Savings Volume 1, April 2007; (2) Model Energy Efficiency
20 Program Impact Evaluation Guide: A Resource of the National Action Plan for Energy
21 Efficiency, November 2007; and (3) Electric Power Research Institute: Guidebook for
22 Energy Efficiency Program Evaluation, Measurement, and Verification, 2008.

1 **Q. Have you conducted similar portfolio-level evaluations before?**

2 A. Yes. Under my supervision, Cadmus has recently completed similar
3 portfolio-level evaluations for the following electric and gas utilities:

- 4 1. Ameren UE Missouri.
- 5 2. Ameren Illinois Utilities.
- 6 3. Questar (Utah).
- 7 4. California Public Utilities Commission.
- 8 5. DTE Energy (Michigan).
- 9 6. Consumers Energy (Michigan).
- 10 7. Salt River Project (Arizona).
- 11 8. PacifiCorp (Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Utah).
- 12 9. Progress Energy (Carolinas).
- 13 10. PECO (Pennsylvania).
- 14 11. PPL (Pennsylvania).
- 15 12. Dayton Power & Light (Ohio).
- 16 13. Empower (Maryland).

17 **Q. Have your evaluations elsewhere been reviewed by Public Utility**
18 **Commissions or state-level evaluators?**

19 A. Yes. In all cases listed in the previous question, the evaluations were
20 either reviewed and approved or are in the process of being reviewed and approved by
21 the various representative utility commissions.

1 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

2 A. The purpose of my testimony is to present the findings of our
3 evaluations, including a review of Avista’s cost-effectiveness, for the 2010-2011 time
4 period.

5 **Q. Describe Cadmus’ approach to conducting evaluations of DSM**
6 **programs.**

7 A. Cadmus strongly believes that the best value evaluators can provide is
8 real-time feedback to program managers. Real-time feedback allows for continuous
9 improvements and course corrections as needed. We have worked closely with Avista’s
10 Policy, Planning and Analysis (PPA) and Implementation teams to implement
11 recommended corrections from the beginning. We also worked closely with the
12 stakeholders represented in the various technical and policy groups.

13 **Q. Describe Avista’s energy efficiency internal Organization structure.**

14 A. Avista has created two distinct groups for the purpose of delivery of
15 DSM programs. One team is directly responsible for implementing the programs and
16 another is responsible for policy, planning and analysis (PPA team). We reported
17 directly to the PPA team. In my opinion, this structure is optimal for delivery of DSM
18 programs. Our team was insulated from any natural pressure from the team whose
19 performance was being evaluated.

20 **Q. Are you sponsoring any exhibits in this proceeding?**

21 A. Yes. I am sponsoring Exhibit No.__(MSK-2) that presents our 2010 and
22 2011 electric portfolio impact evaluation, Exhibit No.__(MSK-3) which is the 2010 gas

1 impact report already submitted in 2011, Exhibit No.__(MSK-4) that presents our 2011
2 gas impact evaluation, Exhibit No.__(MSK-5) which is the 2010 portfolio-wide process
3 evaluation already submitted in 2011, Exhibit No.__(MSK-6) that is the 2011 portfolio-
4 wide process evaluation, and finally, Exhibit No.__(MSK-7) which is a memo from
5 May 1, 2012 to Avista's Technical Committee explaining the CFL Contingency Plan
6 input components to derive final savings values.

7 **Q. Please describe any data collection and activities associated with the**
8 **evaluation.**

9 A. The two-year evaluation utilized approximately 29 Cadmus staff and
10 engineers and several engineers from our sub-contractor (SBW Consulting, Inc.) for the
11 impact evaluation and 19 Cadmus staff and our survey sub-contractor Discovery
12 Research Group for the process evaluation.

13 The low income impact evaluation used gas, electric and conversion measures
14 billing analysis using the entire population of 2010 participants. The gas billing analysis
15 was performed the first year, and electric and conversion homes were analyzed the
16 second year so that a full year of pre- and post-data could be used. The non-residential
17 impact evaluation performed 311 site or metering visits, individual site billing analyses,
18 simulation modeling, and general engineering calculations. Teams of engineers spent
19 several weeks in the field at different points in 2011 and 2012. The residential impact
20 evaluation performed 230 verification site visits examining 332 measures, a heat pump
21 metering study of 79 homes, a 2010 census billing analysis of gas furnaces, an
22 ENERGY STAR Homes modeling simulation, and a weatherization billing analysis of

1 the census population. Additional research was undertaken on the saturation of heat
2 pump and gas furnace combinations, and an analysis was performed on the energy and
3 costs of the various home heating combinations. Over 1,000 phone surveys were
4 conducted for the residential and commercial sectors to gather information for the CFL
5 Contingency Plan savings calculation. Significant effort by Cadmus engineers and
6 senior staff went into modifying unit energy savings (UES) values in the technical
7 reference manual (TRM) where necessary.

8 The 2010 and 2011 process evaluations completed 939 residential participant,
9 280 residential non-participant, 448 non-residential participant, 207 non-residential non-
10 participant, and 123 low income participant surveys. The evaluations also included 90
11 contractor interviews, as well as interviews with several implementation contractors,
12 Avista PPA and implementation staff. These process evaluations studied many topics
13 ranging from participant feedback, program management and design, trade ally input,
14 data tracking, marketing and outreach, and a market analysis case study on non-
15 residential lighting. Details on each of these evaluation activities and results can be
16 found in the associated Cadmus reports for Avista's 2010-2011 Electric Portfolio
17 Evaluation, Avista's 2011 Natural Gas Portfolio Evaluation, and Avista's 2011 Process
18 Evaluation submitted as part of this June 1, 2012 filing, and Avista's 2010 Natural Gas
19 Portfolio Evaluation and Avista's 2010 Process Evaluation already submitted in 2011.

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1 **Q. Please summarize the Company's electric energy efficiency-related**
 2 **savings for this time period.**

3 A. As shown below in Table 1, over 124,500 MWh of energy savings were
 4 acquired through Avista's Washington DSM projects between January 1, 2010, and
 5 December 31, 2011. The electric portfolio had a realization rate of 89%.

6 **Table 1. Expected and Evaluated Electric Savings**

Sector	Project Count	Expected Savings (kWh)	Gross Verified Savings (kWh)	Realization Rate
Residential	27,749	63,340,690	52,463,788	83%
Nonresidential	2,602	73,583,693	69,837,841	95%
Low-Income	735	3,749,264	2,910,327	78%
Total¹	31,086	140,673,647	125,211,956	89%

10 Note 1: The Project Count total does not include bulbs from the Simple Steps or CFL Contingency Participation.

11 **Q. What are the electric energy savings by program?**

12 A. The 2010-2011 program years' savings are summarized in Table 2 by
 13 program.

14 **Table 2. Electric Evaluated Savings by Program**

Program	Project Count	WA Savings (kWh)
Low Income	735	2,910,327
CFL Contingency	1,556,024 bulbs	27,173,793
Simple Steps, Smart Savings™	523,677 bulbs	16,401,152
Second Refrigerator and Freezer Recycling	2,939	3,062,439
ENERGY STAR® Products	14,907	2,444,129
Heating and Cooling Efficiency	3,730	2,751,306
Space and Water Conversions	321	2,463,378
Weatherization/Shell	4,717	1,447,434
Water Heating	848	100,997
ENERGY STAR® Homes	261	336,246
Residential Renewables	26	109,143
Energy Smart Grocers	469	8,758,922
Nonresidential Prescriptive	1,365	16,332,473
Nonresidential Site Specific	768	40,920,217
Total²	31,086	125,211,956

23 Note 2: The Project Count total does not include bulbs from the Simple Steps or CFL Contingency Participation.

1 **Q. Did Avista achieve its reported electric goals for the two-year time**
2 **period?**

3 A. Yes, both the Washington Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) and I-937
4 goals were satisfied in the 2010-2011 biennium. Table 3 below shows I-937 goals and
5 savings toward those goals. Details of I-937 goals are included in this testimony
6 because it is more relevant to Washington's assessment of penalties. The Washington
7 IRP goal was satisfied by achieving 151% of goal, and I-937 savings achieved 132% of
8 goal. Note that the total gross savings in Table 3 do not match Table 2 because Table 3
9 includes NEEA savings, and I-937 limits the amount of conversion savings.

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Table 3. I-937 Goals and Evaluated Savings

Sector	Non-Conversion			Conversion			Total		
	Savings Goal (MWh)	Gross Achieved (MWh)	Goal Achieved	Savings Goal (MWh)	Gross Achieved (MWh)	Goal Achieved	Savings Goal (MWh)	Gross Achieved (MWh)	Goal Achieved
DSM Programs	125,982	119,717	132%	2,621	2,621	100%	128,603	122,338	132%
NEEA		47,129			0			47,129	
Total	125,982	166,845	132%	2,621	2,621	100%	128,603	169,467	132%

15 **Q. Please summarize the Company's natural gas energy efficiency-**
16 **related savings for this time period.**

17 A. As shown below in Table 4, over 2,499,000 therms of energy savings
18 were acquired from the Washington DSM projects between January 1, 2010, and
19 December 31, 2011. The gas portfolio had a realization rate of 85%.

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Table 4. Expected and Evaluated Gas Savings

Sector	Project Count	Expected Savings (therms)	Gross Verified Savings (therms)	Realization Rate
Residential	20,270	1,384,356	1,055,285	76%
Non-Residential	763	1,424,538	1,407,540	99%
Low-Income	404	123,371	37,091	30%
Total	21,437	2,932,265	2,499,916	85%

Q. What were the natural gas energy savings by program?

A. The 2010-2011 program savings are summarized in Table 5 by program.

Table 5. Gas Evaluated Savings by Program

Program	Project Count	WA Savings (therms)
Low Income	404	37,091
ENERGY STAR Products	7,268	58,547
Heating and Cooling Efficiency	4,675	477,601
Weatherization/Shell	7,098	461,754
Water Heater Efficiency	991	9,003
ENERGY STAR Homes	238	48,379
Nonresidential Prescriptive	170	121,983
Nonresidential Site Specific	593	1,285,558
Total	21,437	2,499,916

Q. Did the company achieve its reported natural gas goals for the two-year time period?

A. No, the Washington IRP goal was not satisfied for 2010 and 2011. Table 6 below shows the IRP goals and evaluated savings.

Table 6. IRP Goals and Evaluated Gas Savings

Sector	Savings Goal (therms)	Gross Achieved (therms)	Goal Achievement
Residential	1,632,963	1,055,285	65%
Nonresidential	1,433,188	1,407,540	98%
Low-Income	115,830	37,091	32%
Total	3,181,981	2,499,916	79%

Q. Please describe your methodology on Appliance Recycling savings analysis.

A. Cadmus used methodology consistent with the Northwest Power and Conservation Council's 6th Power Plan along with data specific to Avista to determine per-unit savings for the JACO Appliance Recycling Program. Cadmus estimated unit energy consumption based on appliance characteristics obtained from Avista's program tracking database, and made adjustments to account for usage patterns, unit replacement, and naturally-occurring disposal based on participant and nonparticipant survey data.

Q. Please describe your research methodology for the CFL Contingency Plan.

A. Cadmus performed 676 residential surveys and 361 commercial surveys to evaluate the 2011 CFL Contingency Plan. The surveys, administered in two rounds, specifically informed installation rates, including breakage, burn out and removal. Residential installation hours-of-use (HOU) were derived by asking survey participants for the location of installed bulbs by room type. This room type distribution was then

1 applied to a recent multi-state metering study. The waste heat factor was computed
2 using Avista specific data and the Regional Technical Forum's (RTF) method. Also
3 consistent with the 6th Power Plan, Cadmus utilized the RTF delta watt multipliers to
4 estimate the induced wattage reduction.

5 In service rates (ISR) over time were analyzed using a weighted logistic
6 regression model, utilizing the amount of time that had elapsed since the box of bulbs
7 was sent and the date of the survey. Cadmus determined that 39% of the residential
8 bulbs were physically installed in 2011, and that ISR is applied to the program savings
9 estimate for 2011 presented in this testimony. Our regression model predicts
10 installations occurring in 2012 and 2013, but we advise additional surveys be performed
11 to determine the actual ISR for those years. The appropriate calculation of savings
12 needs to acknowledge when the light bulbs actually get installed. As such, 39% of the
13 savings occurred in 2011 and we project (subject to verification through surveys) that
14 35% will be installed in 2012 and 18% will be installed in 2013 as shown below.
15 Additional information on the various savings input components can be found in
16 Exhibit No.__(MSK-7). The following table shows the residential ISR calculated for
17 2011 and forecasted for 2012 and 2013.

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Table 7. Residential CFL Contingency ISRs

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Year Installed	Residential Logistic Model
2011	39%
2012 (Forecasted)	35%
2013 (Forecasted)	18%
Total	91% ³

Note 3: Total variance due to rounding.

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Q. What recommendations resulted from the impact evaluation?

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A. Because the low-income realization rates set forth in tables 1 (electric) and 3 (natural gas) were so low – i.e., 78% and 30% respectively, Cadmus has made certain Low income sector recommendations:

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- Perform non-energy benefits quantification, possibly including economic, payment, mobility, affordability, and increased property value.
- Standardize expected savings calculations across both Washington and Idaho to help avoid discrepancies in realization rates.
- Refine expected savings calculations to account for pre-period annual consumption, square footage, and interaction effects. This will help create a more robust savings estimate and avoid over-estimates that may occur through a prescriptive application of deemed estimates.
- Track alternative heating sources. Collecting information on a customer's primary heating usage at the time of weatherization will allow for more reasonable estimates in cases where, despite being a gas customer, gas is used as a secondary heating source.

- 1 • Include high-use customers in program targeting. Targeting high-use customers
2 may help to achieve higher energy savings for the program and aid these higher
3 than average use customers sooner.

4 Non-residential sector recommendations include:

- 5 • Create a quality control system to double check all projects with savings over
6 300,000 kWh and 10,000 therms.
- 7 • Consider performing three- to six-month post-installation random inspections to
8 confirm measure persistence and to potentially identify opportunities to improve
9 performance.
- 10 • Require all internally and externally developed simulation models be saved to
11 Avista's server and backed up.
- 12 • On large, new construction heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC)
13 projects, confirm the proposed system matches the as-built system.
- 14 • Consider developing a new construction measure to combine the interactive
15 effects associated with all individual measures at these types of projects.
- 16 • Avista should consider adding a program for recommissioning to report energy
17 savings achieved by resolving issues with a measure identified as non-functional
18 during the previous year's evaluation process. Recommissioning measure costs
19 would primarily involve utility and implementer staff costs to resolve issues and
20 re-inspect the measure. Recommissioning measures should be evaluated as a
21 census sample, and the *ex post* energy savings should not be extrapolated to the

1 overall program population. While Avista's databases house the information
2 necessary to streamline evaluation, such as site addresses, site contact
3 information, and measure-level details, a simpler extraction process could help
4 improve the process.

- 5 • Avista may want to consider providing incentives for demand controlled
6 ventilation, refrigerated warehouses, and steam trap replacements through the
7 Site Specific program. (This 2010 recommendation was implemented by Avista
8 for 2012.)
- 9 • Avista should consider revising the methods for calculating and tracking
10 HVAC/lighting interactive effects.

11 Residential sector recommendations include:

- 12 • Move all clothes washer rebates to the electric program unless a large
13 penetration of gas dryers exists. Forthcoming Residential Building Stock
14 Assessment data should assist in this analysis.
- 15 • Include a seasonal energy efficiency ratio (SEER) requirement to increase
16 savings for high-efficiency heat pump participation.
- 17 • Consider restricting dual fuel customers acquiring multiple rebates that have
18 interactive effects.
- 19 • Increase measure level detail capture on applications to be included in the
20 database. Specific additional information includes energy factors or model

1 numbers for appliances, baseline information for insulation, and home square
2 footage, particularly for ENERGY STAR Homes.

3 **Q. Have you reviewed the cost-effectiveness analysis produced by**
4 **Company employee Ms. Lori Hermanson?**

5 A. Avista's cost-effectiveness is computed using Cadmus' evaluated gross
6 numbers. Cadmus' preliminary review of Avista's cost-effectiveness calculations
7 showed that Avista's methods are in line with those set forth in the California Standard
8 Practice Manual for Economic Analysis of Demand-Side Programs and Projects.

9 **Q. Based on the process evaluation findings, were the programs**
10 **delivered efficiently?**

11 A. Yes, they were. Based on my experience, Avista's program delivery is in
12 line with industry best practices.

13 **Q. What were the major findings and recommendations for the 2010**
14 **process evaluation?**

15 A: The major residential process findings and recommendations include:

- 16 • High ENERGY STAR market share for dishwashers signifies that high free-
17 ridership is likely for this measure and further market transformation through rebate
18 is unlikely.
 - 19 ○ Discontinue rebate for ENERGY STAR dishwashers. (This 2010
20 recommendation was implemented by Avista for 2012.)
- 21 • Organization of programs may be unnecessarily complex.

- 1 ○ Simplify and document program organization structure. Cadmus
2 recommended grouping programs in logical clusters, in order to reduce
3 complexity of documentation and tracking.
- 4 ● Program data are tracked adequately for internal purposes, but improvements could
5 enhance evaluability.
- 6 ○ Wherever possible, Avista should develop tracking methods that support
7 consistent analysis across programs. For example, a standardized format for
8 customer address data across separate databases would ease database
9 combination or integration.
- 10 ● Participants learn of programs through variety of channels, with Avista
11 representative and contractor outreach being key methods.
- 12 ○ Ensure contractors have adequate information to disseminate. Avista must
13 focus on providing trade allies with adequate and accurate information. This
14 can be achieved by distributing updated materials regularly, holding
15 trainings for contractors, or formalizing the trade ally network to ensure
16 frequent communication.
- 17 ● High participation levels in the Simple Steps, Smart Savings program indicate
18 potential for program expansion.
- 19 ○ Avista should consider the benefits of adding measures to the Simple Steps
20 program.

- 1 • HVAC contractors value Avista’s program, contribute significantly to program
2 outreach, are willing to engage more directly with Avista, and would appreciate
3 additional marketing support.
- 4 ○ Avista should offer additional training and informational materials to
5 contractors who serve the HVAC program, to ensure high-quality program
6 information reaches customers and to encourage program promotion through
7 contractors.
- 8 The major non-residential process findings and recommendations include:
- 9 • Documentation of program operational procedures was not easily accessible.
- 10 ○ Developing a program manual, with implementation plans, operational
11 procedures, marketing strategies, and verification protocols aggregated into a
12 single program handbook, could help ensure execution of program plans.
- 13 • Customers felt there was a lack of information about program offerings.
- 14 ○ Enhance outreach and communication efforts; develop additional printed
15 program materials to educate customers about program opportunities; and
16 consider holding online Webinars to assist customers with questions about
17 program offerings.
- 18 • Avista’s informal network of trade allies works well, but limited information has
19 been documented about trade allies, the markets they serve, and their areas of
20 specialization and qualifications.

- 1 ○ Provide regular trade ally communications through targeted outreach efforts,
2 such as a Website, monthly e-mails, or a newsletter. Consider providing
3 promotional materials to trade allies, providing program working sessions or
4 luncheons.
- 5 ● Although a marketing budget had not been allocated before 2011, Avista's
6 nonresidential marketing and outreach strategy has worked well.
- 7 ○ Conduct marketing surveys and targeted marketing research that would
8 gather additional information about customer facilities and technology end-
9 uses.
- 10 ● Guidelines or standardized procedures for pre- and post-inspections for prescriptive
11 programs have not been documented.
- 12 ○ Consider developing a verification protocol to document pre- and post-
13 inspection procedures for prescriptive programs and ensure data tracking for
14 project installation.
- 15 The major low income process findings and recommendations include:
- 16 ● Avista's low-income weatherization program has been successfully
17 implemented, without significant delivery barriers, and Avista homes
18 weatherized by Community Action Partner (CAP) agencies without Avista
19 funding may represent opportunities to claim non-programmatic savings.
- 20 ○ Work with agencies to track non-programmatic savings.

- 1 • Current participant and measure data are not being used consistently or
2 effectively to calculate robust expected savings estimates. Agencies are willing
3 to provide additional building and measure details for Avista to incorporate into
4 an improved expected savings calculation.
- 5 ○ Ensure consistency and accuracy of data collected for expected savings
6 calculations; work with CAPs for more detailed data collection; and
7 continue to communicate with agencies regarding opportunities for
8 automating reporting.
- 9 • While state resource portfolio requirements remain unclear in regard to holding
10 low-income weatherization to the same cost-effectiveness standards as other
11 DSM programs, a ruling on this issue will allow Avista to consider options for
12 changing the design and delivery of their low-income weatherization program.
- 13 ○ Work with stakeholders to get clarity on whether low-income
14 weatherization is held to the same cost-effectiveness requirements as
15 other DSM program offerings.
- 16 • The program’s energy-saving educational component appears to lack
17 standardization across agencies; however, it appears to operate successfully,
18 based on participant survey responses.
- 19 ○ Focus energy education on actions resulting in high energy savings (e.g.,
20 reducing space heating setpoints and hot water use).

1 • Participants reported additional benefits (e.g., increased comfort, improved
2 health, reduced forced mobility) beyond cost-savings associated with reductions
3 in energy consumption.

4 ○ Consider funding additional research of non-energy benefits, in
5 particular those benefits that can be added to the Total Resource Cost
6 (TRC).

7 **Q. What were the major findings and recommendations from the 2011**
8 **process evaluation?**

9 A. The major residential process findings and recommendations include:

10 • Overall participation declined from 2010 to 2011. The decrease appeared to
11 center in programs affected by the American Recovery and Reinvestment
12 Act (ARRA) tax credits.

13 ○ Renew emphasis on customer outreach and mass marketing,
14 including refreshing campaign messaging and using trade allies.

15 • Lower-than-expected evaluated per-unit savings may indicate a need to
16 review program eligibility criteria. Eligibility for multiple incentives may
17 affect measure savings when multiple HVAC measures are incented.

18 ○ Consider additional program requirements to ensure cost-effective
19 measures.

20 ○ Revisit program eligibility for multiple measures where savings are
21 interactive (particularly HVAC equipment).

- 1 • Opportunities exist for increased involvement from trade allies. Trade allies
2 are looking for more support from Avista to provide them with program
3 literature for their customers.
- 4 ○ Produce and disseminate simple program information sheets to
5 contractors and retailers.
- 6 • Program tracking is effective, though consistency across programs and
7 tracking of follow-through for audit participants could be enhanced.
- 8 ○ Integrate audit program tracking into the central participant rebate
9 database.
- 10 • An assessment of residential marketing revealed that Avista is adhering to
11 best practices for energy-efficiency marketing and outreach. However,
12 surveys indicate nonparticipant awareness may be declining, and
13 opportunities exist for enhancing Avista Websites.
- 14 ○ Marketing recommendations include enhancing Website
15 connectivity, continuing to pursue diverse marketing and outreach
16 strategies, and taking advantage of the trade ally network for direct
17 customer outreach.
- 18 • Overall program satisfaction remained high over both years, with a notable
19 improvement in the Home Energy Audit program. This high level of
20 satisfaction may indicate an opportunity for increasing repeat participation.
- 21 ○ Continue to prioritize customer satisfaction, and take advantage of
22 high satisfaction by targeting past participants.

1 The major non-residential process findings and recommendations include:

2 • Overall, participant surveys revealed high satisfaction, with slightly lower
3 satisfaction by components such as program materials and scoping audits.

4 When compared across programs, EnergySmart Grocer participants were
5 less satisfied than prescriptive and site-specific participants for several
6 components such as program materials, program offerings, and equipment
7 installed. Nonparticipants that were aware of programs were less likely to be
8 very satisfied than participants.

9 • Contractors are an important source of information about programs;
10 however, contractors would like more direct contact with Avista and
11 assistance in promoting programs to customers. In addition, lighting
12 contractors promote the program less actively than general contractors.

13 ○ Leverage contractor relationships with customers to communicate
14 program offerings, expand trade ally resources through training,
15 dedicated Website, and print materials. Continue to engage lighting
16 contractors for the promotion of new lighting incentives and
17 technologies.

18 • Awareness of Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA) standards is
19 prevalent (86% of participants and 66% of nonparticipants). Although
20 nonparticipating customers are more likely to have T-12s installed in their
21 facilities, and saturation of T-12s is fairly high for all customers, both

- 1 installed and in storage, nearly two-thirds of those interviewed have no plans
2 for T-12 replacements.
- 3 ○ Consider proactive approach in communication about T-12 phase out
4 to customers, and strategies to motivate additional T-12 removal such
5 as lighting contractor partnership incentives, or developing a new
6 program that extracts these T-12 bulbs from storage prior to use.
 - 7 ● Several individuals manage the components of the site-specific program, but
8 no central leadership role exists to oversee planning, and ensure future goals
9 are met cost effectively.
 - 10 ○ Consider establishing a central leadership position for the site-
11 specific program.
 - 12 ● Expanded marketing efforts in 2011 demonstrate a best practice approach to
13 commercial programs, including “Power Breakfasts,” featuring customer
14 testimonials and case study print advertisement.
 - 15 ● The participant database contains some inconsistencies that create challenges
16 for evaluation.
 - 17 ○ Establish a consistent approach to data entry across all programs and
18 staff and develop a quality assurance checklist for data entry and
19 review.
 - 20 ● Pre- and post-inspection requirements and procedures need better definition
21 and transparency.

1 ○ Establish a documented pre- and post-inspection protocol and
2 continue strengthening feedback loops for large project performance
3 review.

4 **Q. Please summarize your testimony.**

5 A. I believe the Avista evaluation addresses all measurement and
6 verification needs in accordance with industry and regulatory standards. Impact
7 evaluation on the 2010-2011 program years verified electric savings exceeding both
8 IRP and I-937 goals, but the natural gas 2010-2011 program years did not achieve the
9 IRP goal. The process evaluation revealed that the programs are run efficiently and
10 some areas for improvement exist.

11 **Q. Does that complete your pre-filed direct testimony?**

12 A. Yes, it does.