BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Washington Utilities and Transportation)	Dockets UE-110876 and
Commission,)	UG-110877 (Consolidated)
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Complainant,)	
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V.)	
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Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities,)	
)	NW Energy Coalition's
Respondent.)	Petition to Intervene

The NW Energy Coalition (Coalition) hereby requests permission to intervene in the abovereferenced proceeding. In support thereof, the Coalition asserts the following:

A. The Coalition's business address is:

NW Energy Coalition 811 1st Ave., Suite 305 Seattle, WA 98104

B. The Coalition will be represented in this matter by David S. Johnson, Attorney, and Senior Policy Associate Danielle Dixon. Mr. Johnson and Ms. Dixon are designated for service of all documents in this matter. They have separately filed a notice of appearance with the Commission, as required by WAC 480-07-345(2). They can be reached at 206-621-0094, fax 206-621-0097, emails: <u>david@nwenergy.org</u>, <u>danielle@nwenergy.org</u>.

C. The Coalition is a non-profit organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Coalition's primary purpose is to promote an energy future that is clean, reliable, affordable, and equitable. Due to its historic and ongoing work with utility companies and others to achieve these goals, the Coalition possesses a unique interest in the outcome of this proceeding.

D. The Coalition has a special interest in this proceeding for the following reasons among others: (1) Coalition members will be affected by rate changes and cost shifting among customer classes that may result from this proceeding; (2) rate design modifications that occur as a result of this proceeding may affect customer investment in energy efficiency and impact low-income customers; (3) Avista discusses the company's efforts to comply with the Energy Independence Act (Initiative 937), which the Coalition helped develop and advocate; and (4) Avista discusses various demand side management (DSM) activities and programs that the company is undertaking. The Coalition intends to examine these and other issues in this proceeding.

E. The Coalition offers this process considerable expertise in the area of resource planning, industry structure, and economic and policy analysis. The Coalition has participated in numerous rate cases, mergers, and resource planning proceedings in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana. The Coalition has participated in previous Avista general rate cases.

F. The Coalition has no intention of unreasonably broadening the issues, burdening the record or delaying the proceeding through its intervention.

For the foregoing reasons, the Coalition asks the Commission to grant its Petition to Intervene in this matter.

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Respectfully submitted,

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