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Mr. Steven V. King

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 Re: WUTC v. Avista Utilities

 **Dockets UE-160228 & UG-160229 (*consolidated*)**

Dear Mr. King:

 Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced dockets, please find six (6) copies of the Response to Bench Request No. 9, including Confidential Attachment A, on behalf of the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (“ICNU”). Also enclosed is one (1) copy of the redacted version of same.

 Please note that the report contained within Confidential Attachment A was originally included within the confidential workpapers of ICNU Witness Michael P. Gorman, pursuant to the protective order issued in Dockets UE-160228 and UG-160229, due to the proprietary and commercially sensitive nature of the Moody’s report. Accordingly, Confidential Attachment A is also being filed on a confidential basis under the protective order in these consolidated dockets, as well as under WAC § 480-07-160.

 Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

 Sincerely,

 */s/ Jesse O. Gorsuch*

 Jesse O. Gorsuch

Enclosure

cc: Service List

##### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the attached **ICNU Response to Bench Request No. 9,** **including Confidential Attachment A,** upon the parties below via electronic mail and by mailing copies via U.S. Mail, postage prepaid.

DATED this 17th day of October, 2016.

Davison Van Cleve, P.C.

 */s/ Jesse O. Gorsuch*

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