

BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION)	DOCKETS UE-160228 and UG-160229 (<i>Consolidated</i>)
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	THE INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS OF NORTHWEST UTILITIES'
)	RESPONSE TO BENCH REQUEST
AVISTA CORPORATION d/b/a AVISTA UTILITIES)	NO. 9
)	(REDACTED)
Respondent.)	

BENCH REQUEST NO. 9

1. To the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities ("ICNU"): Please provide a copy of the Moody's Investors Service Report entitled "U.S. Regulated Utilities: Lower Authorized Equity Returns Will Not Hurt Near-Term Credit Profiles," dated March 10, 2015, and referenced in the Response Testimony of Michael P. Gorman on behalf of ICNU at page 7, footnote 1.

The above-referenced report is being filed as Confidential Attachment A to ICNU's Response to Bench Request No. 9. Please note that the report contained within Confidential Attachment A was originally included within the confidential workpapers of Mr. 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 filed on a confidential basis under the protective order in these consolidated dockets.

CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT A

Confidential Attachment A to ICNU's Response to Bench Request No. 9 has been designated confidential under WAC § 480-07-160 and pursuant to the protective order in Dockets UE-160228/UG-160229, and has been redacted in its entirety.