

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

AVISTA CORPORATION, D/B/A
AVISTA UTILITIES,

Respondent.

DOCKET UE-160228 and
UG-160229 (*Consolidated*)

OFFER OF PUBLIC COMMENT
EXHIBIT NO. BR-4

1. Public Counsel hereby offers this Public Comment Exhibit No. BR-4 for admission into the record of the proceeding.
2. Public Comment Exhibit No. BR-4. The exhibit consists of letters, e-mails, and other written materials submitted by the public to provide comment on the Avista Utilities general rate case. These letters and materials were submitted to the Commission and to the office of Public Counsel. Because of the large number of comments, they are submitted in electronic format on the attached disk.
3. A voluminous number of public comments were received by the Commission, many via e-mail and internet, for which there are no original hard copies to submit. Commission Consumer Protection and Communications Staff entered these comments into a database, which includes all comments received by the Commission. Text of the comments was either directly input into the database or, in the case of written comments received via mail, scanned into separate .pdf formatted files. Those scanned files, which consist of eleven (11) separate .pdf files, are referenced in the database as attachments. The output from this database has been

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included in two separate .pdf formatted files on the enclosed compact disc, one for comments regarding the proposed electric rate increase (160228CommentMatrix.pdf) and one for the proposed gas rate increase (160229CommentMatrix.pdf). These two (2) files, along with the 11 scanned comments, provide all comments submitted to the Commission. Public Counsel did not receive any comments in this matter.

4. The submitted material has been counted as follows:

a. Comments received by WUTC

Opposing the rate increase 71

Supporting the rate increase 0

Undecided comments 2

b. Comments received by Public Counsel

Opposing the rate increase 0

Supporting the rate increase 0

Undecided Comments 0

5. Public Counsel submits a total of seventy-three (73) public comments in the exhibit. Of these, seventy-one (71) oppose the requested rate increase and zero (0) support the request. Two (2) neither oppose nor support Avista's request.

6. DATED this 21st day of October, 2016.

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