

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

AVISTA CORPORATION d/b/a AVISTA UTILITIES,

Respondent.

DOCKET NOS. UE-200900 and UG-200901 (*Consolidated*)

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**ON BEHALF OF THE
WASHINGTON STATE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
PUBLIC COUNSEL UNIT**

EXHIBIT JRW-9

Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM) Study

April 21, 2021

Capital Asset Pricing Model

Panel A

Electric Proxy Group

Risk-Free Interest Rate	2.50%
Beta*	0.85
<u>Ex Ante Equity Risk Premium**</u>	<u>6.00%</u>
CAPM Cost of Equity	7.6%

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Panel B

McKenzie Proxy Group Proxy Group

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Panel C

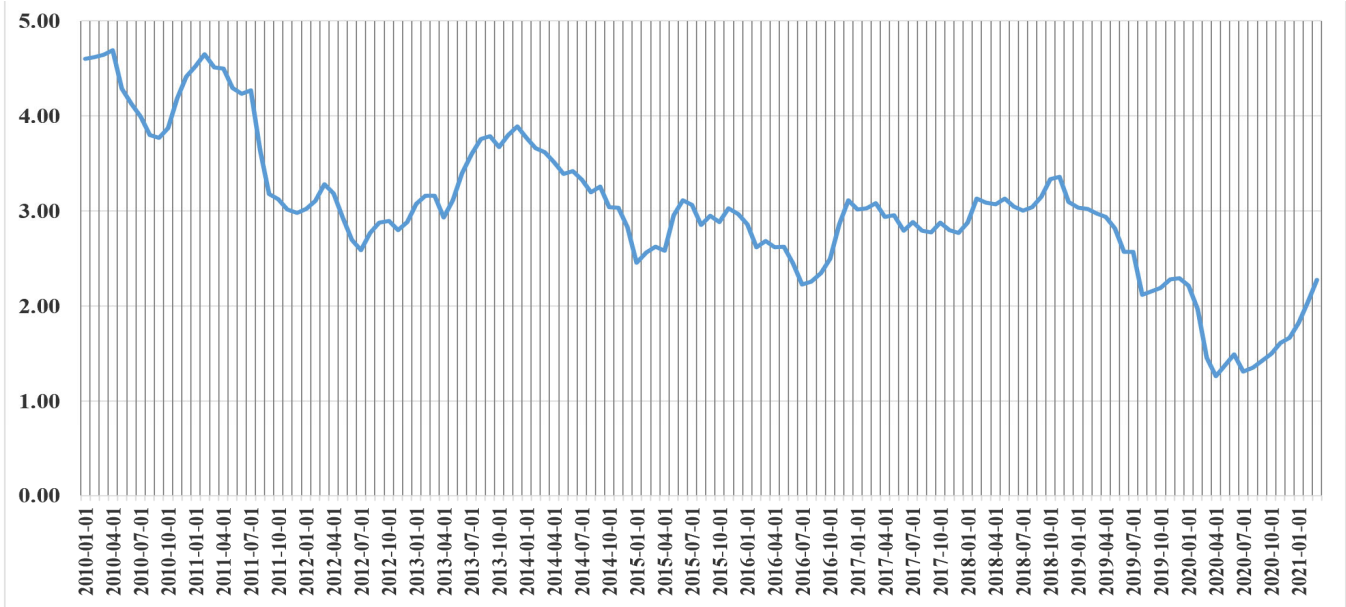
Gas Proxy Group Proxy Group

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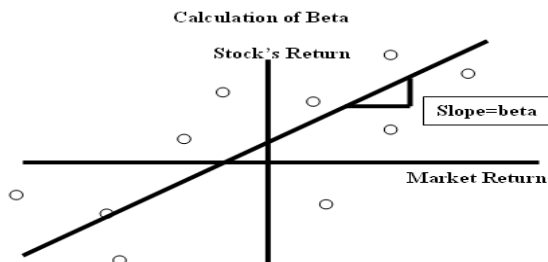
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Thirty-Year U.S. Treasury Yields
2010-2021



Source: Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, FRED Database.

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Panel A
 Electric Proxy Group

Company Name	Beta
ALLETE, Inc. (NYSE-ALE)	0.90
Alliant Energy Corporation (NYSE-LNT)	0.85
Ameren Corporation (NYSE-AEE)	0.80
American Electric Power Co. (NYSE-AEP)	0.75
Avista Corporation (NYSE-AVA)	0.95
CMS Energy Corporation (NYSE-CMS)	0.75
Consolidated Edison, Inc. (NYSE-ED)	0.75
Dominion Energy Inc. (NYSE-D)	0.80
Duke Energy Corporation (NYSE-DUK)	0.85
Edison International (NYSE-EIX)	0.95
Entergy Corporation (NYSE-ETR)	0.95
Evergy, Inc. (NYSE-EVRG)	0.95
Eversource Energy (NYSE-ES)	0.90
Hawaiian Electric Industries (NYSE-HE)	0.80
IDACORP, Inc. (NYSE-IDA)	0.80
MGE Energy, Inc. (NYSE-MGEE)	0.70
NextEra Energy, Inc. (NYSE-NEE)	0.90
NorthWestern Corporation (NYSE-NWE)	0.95
OGE Energy Corp. (NYSE-OGE)	1.05
Otter Tail Corporation (NDQ-OTTR)	0.85
Pinnacle West Capital Corp. (NYSE-PNW)	0.90
Portland General Electric Company (NYSE-POR)	0.85
PPL Corporation (NYSE-PPL)	1.10
Sempra Energy (NYSE-SRE)	1.00
Southern Company (NYSE-SO)	0.95
WEC Energy Group (NYSE-WEC)	0.80
Xcel Energy Inc. (NYSE-XEL)	0.80
Mean	0.87
Median	0.85

Data Source: Value Line Investment Survey, 2021.

Panel B
 McKenzie Proxy Group

Company Name	Beta
ALLETE, Inc. (NYSE-ALE)	0.90
Alliant Energy Corporation (NYSE-LNT)	0.85
Ameren Corporation (NYSE-AEE)	0.80
Duke Energy Corporation (NYSE-DUK)	0.85
Edison International (NYSE-EIX)	0.95
Entergy Corporation (NYSE-ETR)	0.95
IDACORP, Inc. (NYSE-IDA)	0.80
NorthWestern Corporation (NYSE-NWE)	0.95
OGE Energy Corp. (NYSE-OGE)	1.05
Otter Tail Corporation (NDQ-OTTR)	0.85
Pinnacle West Capital Corp. (NYSE-PNW)	0.90
Portland General Electric Company (NYSE-POR)	0.85
Xcel Energy Inc. (NYSE-XEL)	0.80
Mean	0.88
Median	0.85

Data Source: Value Line Investment Survey, 2021.

Panel C
 Gas Proxy Group

Company	Beta
Atmos Energy Company (NYSE-ATO)	0.80
Chesapeake Utilities (NYSE-CPK)	0.80
New Jersey Resources Corp. (NYSE-NJR)	0.95
Nisource Inc (NYSE-NI)	0.85
Northwest Natural Gas Co. (NYSE-NWN)	0.80
ONE Gas, Inc. (NYSE-OGS)	0.80
South Jersey Industries, Inc. (NYSE-SJI)	1.05
Southwest Gas Company (NYSE-SWX)	0.95
Spire (NYSE-SR)	0.85
Mean	0.87
Median	0.85

Data Source: Value Line Investment Survey, 2021.

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Risk Premium Approaches

	Historical Ex Post Returns	Surveys	Expected Return Models and Market Data
Means of Assessing The Market Risk Premium	Historical Average Stock Minus Bond Returns	Surveys of CFOs, Financial Forecasters, Companies, Analysts on Expected Returns and Market Risk Premiums	Use Market Prices and Market Fundamentals (such as Growth Rates) to Compute Expected Returns and Market Risk Premiums
Problems/Debated Issues	Time Variation in Required Returns, Measurement and Time Period Issues, and Biases such as Market and Company Survivorship Bias	Questions Regarding Survey Histories, Responses, and Representativeness Surveys may be Subject to Biases, such as Extrapolation	Assumptions Regarding Expectations, Especially Growth

Source: Adapted from Antti Ilmanen, Expected Returns on Stocks and Bonds,"*Journal of Portfolio Management* , (Winter 2003).

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Market Risk Premium

Category	Study Authors	Publication Date	Time Period Of Study	Methodology	Return Measure	Range		Midpoint of Range	Mean	Median	
						Low	High				
Historical Risk Premium											
	Ibbotson	2016	1928-2015	Historical Stock Returns - Bond Return:	Arithmetic				6.00%		
					Geometric				4.40%		
	Damodaran	2021	1928-2020	Historical Stock Returns - Bond Return:	Arithmetic				6.44%		
					Geometric				4.83%		
	Dimson, Marsh, Staunton_Credit Suisse Repor	2019	1900-2018	Historical Stock Returns - Bond Return:	Arithmetic				5.50%		
					Geometric						
	Bate	2008	1900-2007	Historical Stock Returns - Bond Return:	Arithmetic				4.50%		
					Geometric						
	Shiller	2006	1926-2005	Historical Stock Returns - Bond Return:	Arithmetic				7.00%		
					Geometric				5.50%		
	Siegel	2005	1926-2005	Historical Stock Returns - Bond Return:	Arithmetic				6.10%		
					Geometric				4.60%		
	Dimson, Marsh, and Staunton	2006	1900-2005	Historical Stock Returns - Bond Return:	Arithmetic				5.50%		
	Goyal & Welch	2006	1872-2004	Historical Stock Returns - Bond Return:					4.77%		
	Median									5.50%	
Ex Ante Models (Puzzle Research)											
	Claus Thomas	2001	1985-1998	Abnormal Earnings Model					3.00%		
	Arnott and Bernsteir	2002	1810-2001	Fundamentals - Div Yld + Growth					2.40%		
	Constantinides	2002	1872-2000	Historical Returns & Fundamentals - P/D & P/E					6.90%		
	Cornell	1999	1926-1997	Historical Returns & Fundamental GDP/Earning		3.50%	5.50%	4.50%	4.50%		
	Easton, Taylor, et al	2002	1981-1998	Residual Income Model					5.30%		
	Fama French	2002	1951-2000	Fundamental DCF with EPS and DPS Growth		2.55%	4.32%		3.44%		
	Harris & Marston	2001	1982-1998	Fundamental DCF with Analysts' EPS Growth					7.14%		
	McKinsey	2002	1962-2002	Fundamental (P/E, D/P, & Earnings Growth)		3.50%	4.00%		3.75%		
	Siegel	2005	1802-2001	Historical Earnings Yield					2.50%		
	Grabowski	2006	1926-2005	Historical and Projectec		3.50%	6.00%	4.75%	4.75%		
	Maheu & McCurdy	2006	1885-2003	Historical Excess Returns, Structural Breaks,		4.02%	5.10%	4.56%	4.56%		
	Bostock	2004	1960-2002	Bond Yields, Credit Risk, and Income Volatilit		3.90%	1.30%	2.60%	2.60%		
	Bakshi & Chen	2005	1982-1998	Fundamentals - Interest Rates					7.31%		
	Donaldson, Kamstra, & Kramer	2006	1952-2004	Fundamental, Dividend yld., Returns,, & Volatilit		3.00%	4.00%	3.50%	3.50%		
	Campbell	2008	1982-2007	Historical & Projections (D/P & Earnings Growth		4.10%	5.40%		4.75%		
	Best & Byrne	2001	Projection	Fundamentals - Div Yld + Growth					2.00%		
	Fernandez	2007	Projection	Required Equity Risk Premium					4.00%		
	DeLong & Magin	2008	Projection	Earnings Yield - TIPS					3.22%		
	Siegel - Rethink ERF	2011	Projection	Real Stock Returns and Component					5.50%		
	Duff & Phelps	2021	Projection	Normalized with 3.5% Long-Term Treasury Yield					5.50%		
	Mschchowski - VL - 2014	2014	Projection	Fundamentals - Expected Return Minus 10-Year Treasury Rat					5.50%		
	American Appraisal Quarterly ERI	2015	Projection	Fundamental Economic and Market Factor					6.00%		
	Market Risk Premia	2021	Projection	Fundamental Economic and Market Factor					3.42%		
	KPMG	2021	Projection	Fundamental Economic and Market Factor					6.25%		
	Damodaran -3-21	2021	Projection	Fundamentals - Implied from FCF to Equity Model (Trailing 12 month, with adjusted payou					4.63%		
	Social Security										
	Office of Chief Actuary		1900-1995								
	John Campbell	2001	1860-2000	Historical & Projections (D/P & Earnings Growth	Arithmetic	3.00%	4.00%	3.50%	3.50%		
			Projected for 75 Years		Geometric	1.50%	2.50%	2.00%	2.00%		
	Peter Diamond	2001	Projected for 75 Year	Fundamentals (D/P, GDP Growth)		3.00%	4.80%	3.90%	3.90%		
	John Shoven	2001	Projected for 75 Year	Fundamentals (D/P, P/E, GDP Growth)		3.00%	3.50%	3.25%	3.25%		
	Median									4.00%	
Surveys											
	New York Fed	2015	Five-Year	Survey of Wall Street Firms					5.70%		
	Survey of Financial Forecasters	2020	10-Year Projection	About 20 Financial Forecasters					3.36%		
	Duke - CFO Magazine Survey	2020	10-Year Projection	Approximately 200 CFOs					4.05%		
	Welch - Academics	2008	30-Year Projection	Random Academics		5.00%	5.74%	5.37%	5.37%		
	Fernandez - Academics, Analysts, and Compani	2020	Long-Term	Survey of Academics, Analysts, and Companie					5.60%		
	Median									5.37%	
Building Block											
	Ibbotson and Chen	2015	Projection	Historical Supply Model (D/P & Earnings Growth	Arithmetic			6.22%	5.21%		
					Geometric			4.20%			
	Chen - Rethink ERP	2010	20-Year Projection	Combination Supply Model (Historic and Projection	Geometric				4.00%		
	Ilmanen - Rethink ERI	2010	Projection	Current Supply Model (D/P & Earnings Growth)	Geometric				3.00%		
	Grinold, Kroner, Siegel - Rethink ERI	2011	Projection	Current Supply Model (D/P & Earnings Growth)	Arithmetic			4.63%	4.12%		
					Geometric			3.60%			
	Median									4.06%	
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					Arithmetic				6.44%	
					Geometric				4.83%	
	Dimson, Marsh, Staunton_Credit Suisse Report	2019	1900-2018	Historical Stock Returns - Bond Returns	Arithmetic				5.50%	
					Geometric					
	Median									5.43%
Ex Ante Models (Puzzle Research)										
	Siegel - Rethink ERP	2011	Projection	Real Stock Returns and Components					5.50%	
	Duff & Phelps	2020	Projection	Normalized with 3.5% Long-Term Treasury Yield					6.00%	
	Mschchowski - VL - 2014	2014	Projection	Fundamentals - Expected Return Minus 10-Year Treasury Rate					5.50%	
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					Geometric			3.60%		
	Median									4.06%
Mean										4.95%
Median										5.13%

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Duff & Phelps Risk-Free Interest Rates and Equity Risk Premium Estimates

DUFF & PHELPS

December 9, 2020

For additional information, please visit
<https://www.duffandphelps.com/insights/publications/cost-of-capital>

Table: Equity Risk Premium & Risk-free Rates

Duff & Phelps Recommended U.S. Equity Risk Premium (ERP) and Corresponding Risk-free Rates (R_f): January 2008–Present

<i>Date</i>	<i>Risk-free Rate (R_f)</i>	<i>R_f (%)</i>	<i>Duff & Phelps Recommended ERP (%)</i>	<i>What Changed</i>
Current Guidance:				
December 9, 2020 – UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE	Normalized 20-year U.S. Treasury yield	2.50	5.50	ERP
June 30, 2020 – December 8, 2020	Normalized 20-year U.S. Treasury yield	2.50	6.00	R_f
March 25, 2020 – June 29, 2020	Normalized 20-year U.S. Treasury yield	3.00	6.00	ERP
December 19, 2019 – March 24, 2020	Normalized 20-year U.S. Treasury yield	3.00	5.00	ERP
September 30, 2019 – December 18, 2019	Normalized 20-year U.S. Treasury yield	3.00	5.50	R_f
December 31, 2018 – September 29, 2019	Normalized 20-year U.S. Treasury yield	3.50	5.50	ERP
September 5, 2017 – December 30, 2018	Normalized 20-year U.S. Treasury yield	3.50	5.00	ERP
November 15, 2016 – September 4, 2017	Normalized 20-year U.S. Treasury yield	3.50	5.50	R_f
January 31, 2016 – November 14, 2016	Normalized 20-year U.S. Treasury yield	4.00	5.50	ERP
December 31, 2015	Normalized 20-year U.S. Treasury yield	4.00	5.00	
December 31, 2014	Normalized 20-year U.S. Treasury yield	4.00	5.00	
December 31, 2013	Normalized 20-year U.S. Treasury yield	4.00	5.00	
February 28, 2013 – January 30, 2016	Normalized 20-year U.S. Treasury yield	4.00	5.00	ERP
December 31, 2012	Normalized 20-year U.S. Treasury yield	4.00	5.50	
January 15, 2012 – February 27, 2013	Normalized 20-year U.S. Treasury yield	4.00	5.50	ERP
December 31, 2011	Normalized 20-year U.S. Treasury yield	4.00	6.00	
September 30, 2011 – January 14, 2012	Normalized 20-year U.S. Treasury yield	4.00	6.00	ERP
July 1, 2011 – September 29, 2011	Normalized 20-year U.S. Treasury yield	4.00	5.50	R_f
June 1, 2011 – June 30, 2011	Spot 20-year U.S. Treasury yield	Spot	5.50	R_f
May 1, 2011 – May 31, 2011	Normalized 20-year U.S. Treasury yield	4.00	5.50	R_f
December 31, 2010	Spot 20-year U.S. Treasury yield	Spot	5.50	
December 1, 2010 – April 30, 2011	Spot 20-year U.S. Treasury yield	Spot	5.50	R_f
June 1, 2010 – November 30, 2010	Normalized 20-year U.S. Treasury yield	4.00	5.50	R_f
December 31, 2009	Spot 20-year U.S. Treasury yield	Spot	5.50	
December 1, 2009 – May 31, 2010	Spot 20-year U.S. Treasury yield	Spot	5.50	ERP
June 1, 2009 – November 30, 2009	Spot 20-year U.S. Treasury yield	Spot	6.00	R_f
December 31, 2008	Normalized 20-year U.S. Treasury yield	4.50	6.00	
November 1, 2008 – May 31, 2009	Normalized 20-year U.S. Treasury yield	4.50	6.00	R_f
October 27, 2008 – October 31, 2008	Spot 20-year U.S. Treasury yield	Spot	6.00	ERP
January 1, 2008 – October 26, 2008	Spot 20-year U.S. Treasury yield	Spot	5.00	Initialized

Normalized in this context means that in months where the risk-free rate is deemed to be abnormally low, a proxy for a longer-term sustainable risk-free rate is used.

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