## BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v. AVISTA CORPORATION d/b/a AVISTA UTILITIES,

Respondent.

Dockets UE-120436 and UG-120437

PETITION TO INTERVENE ON BEHALF OF THE ENERGY PROJECT

Pursuant to WAC 480-07-355, The Energy Project petitions the Commission for leave to

intervene in the above docket. The Energy Project has been a party in most of Avista' s recent

general rate cases.

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The Energy Project works with Community Action Agencies that provide rate assistance and energy efficiency programs to both electric and gas low income customers of AVISTA. The Energy Project also works with utilities to develop and expand rate assistance, energy efficiency programs for low income customers. The Energy Project is a frequent party in general rate cases and other dockets when energy affordability and customer service polices are at issue. The Energy Project which advocates for the interest of low income customers of AVISTA and is concerned about the effect a 9% rate increase in electric service and a 7% increase in gas service will have on those customers being able to afford electric and gas service for their family homes

The Energy Project has a substantial interest in the proposed transaction and will be the only party to focus its inquiry solely on the interests of low income customers. The Energy Project's intervention in this docket will not unreasonably broaden the issues, or delay the proceeding. It is in the public interest to grant this petition of The Energy Project.

The Energy Project respectfully requests the Commission to allow our petition to intervene in this docket.

Dated in Seattle, Washington, this 4<sup>th</sup> of May, 2012 Petition to Intervene Dockets UE-120436 and UG-120437 Respectfully submitted,

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