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State of Washington  
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission  
Attention: Ms. Carole Washburn, Executive Secretary  
P. O. Box 47250  
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S. W.  
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

RE: Docket No. UG-060518 (Decoupling Evaluation Plan and Related Documents)

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission is an original and eight copies of the Decoupling Evaluation Plan, and related documents, as required in Docket No. UG-060518, Appendix A to Order No. 4, and Order No. 5. This filing was also filed electronically with the Commission on April 29, 2008.

The following documents, which were prepared in a collaborative which included Avista, Commission Staff, Public Counsel, Northwest Industrial Gas Users, The Northwest Energy Coalition, and The Energy Project, have been agreed to by all parties.

- A. Evaluation Plan – The plan shall serve to define the work plan for an independent evaluation of the natural gas decoupling pilot program in preparation for the final evaluation report due on March 31, 2009.
- B. Request For Proposals (RFP) – This document shall serve as the form that will be used to solicit qualified independent evaluation firms to complete an objective, independent evaluation of the decoupling pilot program.
- C. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – This MOU is an agreement between the parties noted above and establishes the guidelines for how the Evaluation Plan

will be disseminated to qualified bidders, and the terms of interaction between the parties and with the Evaluator.

- D. Sample Consulting Services Agreement – This is the format that will be used by Avista to contract with the Evaluator chosen through the RFP process, as governed by the MOU and Evaluation Plan.

As some of these documents serve as attachments or exhibits to each other, here is a summary of how the above mentioned documents are being submitted:

1. Cover Letter and Certificate of Service
2. Decoupling Evaluation Plan
3. Request For Proposals – Decoupling
  - a. RFP Attachment A - UG-060518 Order and Agreements
  - b. RFP Attachment B - Decoupling Evaluation Plan
  - c. RFP Attachment C - Memorandum of Understanding (Signed by all parties)
  - d. RFP Attachment D – Contract
    - i. Exhibit A - Decoupling Evaluation Plan
    - ii. Exhibit B - Memorandum of Understanding (Signed by all parties)
    - iii. Exhibit C - Request for Proposals

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at 509-495-8620.

Sincerely,

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cc: Service List in Docket No. UG-060518