

Exhibit No. ____ (DCP-8)
Docket Nos. UE-070804 et al.
Witness: David C. Parcell

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Complainant,

vs.

AVISTA CORPORATION,

Respondent.

In the Matter of the Petition of

AVISTA CORPORATION d/b/a
AVISTA UTILITIES,

For an Accounting Order Regarding the
Appropriate Treatment of the Net Costs
Associated with the Purchase of Debt.

DOCKET NO. UE-070804

DOCKET NO. UG-070805

DOCKET NO. UE-070311

**EXHIBIT TO TESTIMONY OF
DAVID C. PARCELL
ON BEHALF OF
STAFF OF
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

*Schedule 7:
Comparison Companies
Basis for Selection*

October 17, 2007

**COMPARISON COMPANIES
BASIS FOR SELECTION**

Company	Market Cap (\$000)	Percent Revenues Electric	Common Equity Ratio	Value Line Safety	S&P Stock Ranking	S&P Bond Rating	Moody's Bond Rating
Avista Corp	\$1,200,000	50%	46%	3	B	BBB-	Baa3
Comparison Group*							
Cleco	\$1,500,000	96%	58%	3	B+	BBB	Baa1
Hawaiian Electric Industries	\$2,200,000	84%	49%	2	B+	BBB	Baa2
Northeast Utilities	\$5,000,000	77%	40%	3	B+	BBB	Baa1
OGE Energy	\$3,200,000	43%	54%	2	A-	BBB+	Baa2
Pinnacle West Capital	\$4,800,000	77%	52%	1	A-	BBB-	Baa2
PNM Resources	\$2,500,000	79%	49%	2	B+	BBB	Baa2
Puget Energy	\$3,000,000	61%	44%	3	B+	BBB	Baa2

* Selected using following criteria:
Market cap of \$1 billion to \$5 billion.
Electric Revenues of 50% or greater.
Common Equity Ratio of 40% or higher
Value Line Safety of 1, 2 or 3.
S&P Stock Ranking of A or B.
Moody's and S&P bond ratings of Baa.
Not presently involved in an acquisition by another company or entity.

Sources: C.A. Turner Utility Reports, Standard & Poor's Stock Guide, Value Line Investment Survey.