

**BEFORE THE  
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND )  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION )  
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Complainant, )  
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v. )  
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AVISTA CORPORATION d/b/a )  
AVISTA UTILITIES )  
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Respondent. )  
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DOCKET NO. UG-090135

In the Matter of the Petition of )  
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AVISTA Corporation dba Avista Utilities )  
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For an Order Continuing a Natural )  
Gas Decoupling Mechanism With )  
Associated Accounting Entries )  
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AVISTA CORPORATION'S MOTION  
TO CONSOLIDATE

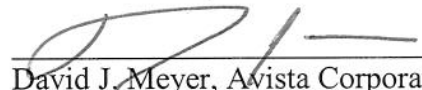
1 Avista respectfully requests that the Commission consolidate matters contained within its Petition to continue its natural gas Decoupling Mechanism with its pending natural gas general rate case (Docket UG-090135).

2 In Order 04, in UG-060518, at para. 32, the Commission stated that “(t)o ensure an adequate review of the program and its accomplishments, we require that the [decoupling] program be reviewed at its conclusion in a general rate case.” Given that the Evaluation of the pilot Decoupling Mechanism was not completed until March 31, 2009, the Company could not have made the filing for a continuation of the Decoupling Mechanism with its previously-filed natural gas general rate case. A copy of the Petition, including this Motion,

has been provided to all parties in Avista's pending rate cases (UE-090134 and UG-090135).

3           The Company, based on discussions with the Staff and Public Counsel, requests consolidation of this matter with our current natural gas general rate case, UG-090135. The testimony of Staff and Intervenors in the general rate case is not due until August 17, 2009. Given that the Parties will have over three months between the filing of this decoupling petition and the date testimony is to be otherwise filed in the general rate case, Avista believes this matter will not require any modification to the existing procedural schedule in the rate case. Were this request to consolidate to result in any delay in the scheduled hearing dates or issuance of a final order in the general rate case, Avista would withdraw this Motion and request that the decoupling filing be processed separately.

Respectfully Submitted, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009,

  
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Governmental Affairs

cc: Service List in Dockets UE-090134 & UG-090135