

BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	Docket Nos. UE-090134/
)	UG-090135 (<i>Consolidated</i>)
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AVISTA CORPORATION d/b/a)	
AVISTA UTILITIES,)	
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Respondent.)	
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In the Matter of the Petition of)	
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AVISTA CORPORATION, d/b/a AVISTA)	
UTILITIES,)	Docket No. UG-060518
)	(<i>Consolidated</i>)
)	
For an Order Authorizing Implementation of)	
a Natural Gas Decoupling Mechanism and to)	
Record Accounting Entries Associated With)	
the Mechanism.)	
_____)	

EXHIBIT NO.__(DWS-2)
QUALIFICATIONS
OF
DONALD W. SCHOENBECK

August 17, 2009

1 **QUALIFICATIONS AND BACKGROUND**
2 **OF**
3 **DONALD W. SCHOENBECK**

4 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.**

5 **A.** Donald W. Schoenbeck, 900 Washington Street, Suite 780, Vancouver, Washington
6 98660.

7 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR OCCUPATION.**

8 **A.** I am a consultant in the field of public utility regulation and I am a member of Regulatory
9 & Cogeneration Services, Inc. ("RCS").

10 **Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND**
11 **EXPERIENCE.**

12 **A.** I have a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of
13 Kansas and a Master of Science Degree in Engineering Management from the University
14 of Missouri.

15 From June of 1972 until June of 1980, I was employed by Union Electric Company
16 in the Transmission and Distribution, Rates, and Corporate Planning functions. In the
17 Transmission and Distribution function, I had various areas of responsibility, including
18 load management, budget proposals and special studies. While in the Rates function, I
19 worked on rate design studies, filings and exhibits for several regulatory jurisdictions. In
20 Corporate Planning, I was responsible for the development and maintenance of computer
21 models used to simulate the Company's financial and economic operations.

22 In June of 1980, I joined the consulting firm of Drazen-Brubaker & Associates,
23 Inc. Since that time, I have participated in the analysis of various utilities for power cost
24 forecasts, avoided cost pricing, contract negotiations for gas and electric services, siting

1 and licensing proceedings, and rate case purposes including revenue requirement
2 determination, class cost-of-service and rate design.

3 In April 1988, I formed RCS. RCS provides consulting services in the field of
4 public utility regulation to many clients, including large industrial and institutional
5 customers. We also assist in the negotiation of contracts for utility services for large
6 users. In general, we are engaged in regulatory consulting, rate work, feasibility,
7 economic and cost-of-service studies, design of rates for utility service and contract
8 negotiations.

9 **Q. IN WHICH JURISDICTIONS HAVE YOU TESTIFIED AS AN EXPERT**
10 **WITNESS REGARDING UTILITY COST AND RATE MATTERS?**

11 **A.** I have testified as an expert witness in rate proceedings before commissions in the states of
12 Alaska, Arizona, California, Delaware, Idaho, Illinois, Maryland, Montana, Nevada, North
13 Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming. In addition, I have
14 presented testimony before the Bonneville Power Administration, the National Energy
15 Board of Canada, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, publicly-owned utility
16 boards and in court proceedings in the states of Washington, Oregon and California.