Exh. No.___(DWS-3)
Docket Nos. UE-070804, UG-070805 and UE-070311
Witness: Donald W. Schoenbeck

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION Complainant, v.)))) DOCKET NO. UE-070804) and) DOCKET NO. UG-070805) (consolidated)
AVISTA CORPORATION d/b/a AVISTA UTILITIES Respondent.))))
In the Matter of the Petition of AVISTA CORPORATION d/b/a AVISTA)))) DOCKET NO. UE-070311
UTILITIES, For an Accounting Order Regarding the Appropriate Treatment of the Net Costs Associated With the Repurchase of Debt)))))

EXHIBIT NO.___(DWS-3)

AVISTA RESPONSE TO

STAFF DATA REQUEST NO. 59

October 17, 2007

AVISTA CORP. RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

JURISDICTION: Washington DATE PREPARED: 5/22/2007

CASE NO: UE-070804 & UG-070805 WITNESS: Kelly Norwood REQUESTER: WUTC Staff RESPONDER: Ron McKenzie

TYPE: Data Request DEPT: State & Federal Regulation

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REQUEST:

Please provide all documents and studies that compare the Puget Sound Energy PCORC mechanism, as currently operated with the mechanism proposed by Avista in this proceeding, described on pages 5 to 6 of Mr. Norwood's testimony.

RESPONSE:

Avista has not conducted specific studies related to this request. As Mr. Norwood explained beginning on Page 2 of his direct testimony, Avista's proposed PCORC is patterned after Puget Sound Energy's (PSE's) PCORC. The documents Avista relied on in developing the proposal include the settlement agreement and Commission order in Docket No. UE-011570 establishing PSE's PCORC. A comparison of these documents with Avista's proposed PCORC, beginning on page 5 of Mr. Norwood's direct testimony, reveals the similarities in the process and the scope of the mechanism. Avista also relied on the Commission's guidance in Paragraph 22 of Order No. 4, dated December 26, 2006, in Docket No. UE-061411 (Avista's Production/Transmission filing) in developing the proposal. These referenced documents are attached.