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David W. Danner, Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW Olympia WA 98504-7250

Attention: Mr. David W. Danner, Secretary

Docket No. 081842

The Applicant request that the application under Docket No. 081842 be amended by increasing the request amount from \$150,000,000 to \$225,000,000 and replacing item (2) as follows:

## (2) A Description of the Proposed Issuance Including the Terms of Financing.

The Applicant proposes to enter into various secured or unsecured debt arrangements in a total amount of up to and including \$225,000,000. The Applicant will only enter into transactions where the fees, interest rates and expenses charged or incurred by the Applicant in connection with the transactions are competitive with then-existing market prices for similar transactions. It is anticipated that the Securities would bear a floating interest rate but could also have a fixed interest rate.

The issuance of Securities under the requested authority is anticipated before the end of 2009 and is expected to be in the range of \$100-\$225 million with a term which may exceed 364 days but no more than 3 years, all depending on and subject to then-existing market prices for similar transactions.

Under debt arrangements with financial institutions borrowing margins and facility fees are based upon the Company's senior secured or unsecured long-term debt rating. The Company anticipates that any debt arrangements entered into will be secured. Borrowing under these debt arrangements expected to bear interest at varying rates per annum which would be determined by establishing different base rates plus a spread depending on the type of borrowing option selected by the Company. There would also be an annual facility fee on the entire amounts of the debt arrangements. In, addition there will be upfront fees paid to the financial institutions at the time the debt arrangements are finalized and will be based on the level of credit commitment made by each financial institution.

Current estimated fees and borrowing spreads, based on the Company's current secured debt rating are as follows:

Borrowing Spread:

LIBOR Margin
Base Rate Margin
Facility Fees
Upfront Fees

LIBOR Margin
25-150 basis points
25-50 basis points
25-50 basis points

These estimated fees and borrowing spreads are subject to change due to the current credit market turmoil and challenges.

Done at Spokane, Washington this 16th day of October, 2008.

**AVISTA CORPORATION** 

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