

Exhibit No. ___ (DCP-10)
Docket UE-090134/UG-090135
and UG-060518 (consolidated)
Witness: David C. Parcell

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	DOCKETS UE-090134 and UG-090135
)	(consolidated)
Complainant,)	
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v.)	
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AVISTA CORPORATION, d/b/a AVISTA UTILITIES,)	
)	
Respondent.)	
.....)	
In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET UG-060518
)	(consolidated)
AVISTA CORPORATION, d/b/a AVISTA UTILITIES,)	
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For an Order Authorizing Implementation of a Natural Gas Decoupling Mechanism and to Record Accounting Entries Associated With the Mechanism.)	
.....)	

EXHIBIT TO TESTIMONY OF

DAVID C. PARCELL

**STAFF OF WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

*Comparison Companies – Dividend Yield,
Retention Growth Rates, Per Share Growth Rates, DCF Cost Rates*

August 17, 2009

COMPARISON COMPANIES DIVIDEND YIELD

COMPANY	Qtr DPS	DPS	May - July, 2009			YIELD
			HIGH	LOW	AVERAGE	
Comparison Group						
Avista	\$0.21	\$0.84	\$18.90	\$15.01	\$16.96	5.0%
Ameren	\$0.39	\$1.54	\$25.98	\$22.00	\$23.99	6.4%
Cleco	\$0.23	\$0.90	\$24.22	\$19.82	\$22.02	4.1%
Great Plains Energy	\$0.21	\$0.83	\$16.37	\$13.44	\$14.91	5.6%
Hawaiian Electric Industries	\$0.31	\$1.24	\$19.45	\$15.17	\$17.31	7.2%
Pinnacle West Capital	\$0.53	\$2.10	\$32.58	\$25.28	\$28.93	7.3%
Westar Energy	\$0.30	\$1.20	\$20.08	\$16.60	\$18.34	6.5%
Average						6.0%
Avera Proxy Group						
American Electric Power	\$0.41	\$1.64	\$31.18	\$24.75	\$27.97	5.9%
Black Hills Corp	\$0.36	\$1.42	\$26.21	\$19.06	\$22.64	6.3%
Cleco Corp	\$0.23	\$0.90	\$24.22	\$19.82	\$22.02	4.1%
Dominion Resources	\$0.44	\$1.75	\$34.84	\$30.12	\$32.48	5.4%
DPL Inc.	\$0.29	\$1.14	\$24.63	\$21.03	\$22.83	5.0%
DTE Energy	\$0.53	\$2.12	\$35.23	\$28.85	\$32.04	6.6%
Edison International	\$0.31	\$1.24	\$33.20	\$27.58	\$30.39	4.1%
Empire District Electric	\$0.32	\$1.28	\$18.77	\$14.62	\$16.70	7.7%
NiSource Inc.	\$0.23	\$0.92	\$13.39	\$10.39	\$11.89	7.7%
Northeast Utilities	\$0.24	\$0.95	\$23.25	\$19.78	\$21.52	4.4%
Pepco Holdings	\$0.27	\$1.08	\$14.63	\$11.71	\$13.17	8.2%
PG&E	\$0.42	\$1.68	\$40.85	\$34.60	\$37.73	4.5%
PNM Resources	\$0.13	\$0.50	\$12.56	\$8.57	\$10.57	4.7%
PPL Corp	\$0.35	\$1.38	\$34.42	\$29.98	\$32.20	4.3%
Progress Energy	\$0.62	\$2.48	\$40.05	\$33.75	\$36.90	6.7%
PS Enterprise Group	\$0.33	\$1.33	\$34.02	\$29.84	\$31.93	4.2%
Puget Energy		\$0.00				
Westar Energy	\$0.30	\$1.20	\$20.08	\$16.60	\$18.34	6.5%
Xcel Energy	\$0.25	\$0.98	\$20.15	\$16.83	\$18.49	5.3%
Average						5.6%

Source: Yahoo! Finance.

**COMPARISON COMPANIES
 RETENTION GROWTH RATES**

COMPANY	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Average	2009	2010	2012-2014	Average
Comparison Group										
Avista	1.4%	2.4%	4.9%	0.8%	3.7%	2.6%	4.0%	3.5%	2.5%	3.3%
Ameren	0.9%	1.7%	0.2%	1.3%	1.0%	1.0%	4.0%	3.5%	4.0%	3.8%
Cleco	3.9%	4.1%	3.0%	2.6%	4.5%	3.6%	4.0%	5.0%	4.5%	4.5%
Great Plains Energy	5.1%	3.2%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%	1.8%	1.5%	2.0%	2.0%	1.8%
Hawaiian Electric Industries	1.1%	1.5%	0.7%	0.8%	0.5%	0.9%	0.5%	2.5%	3.0%	2.0%
Pinnacle West Capital	2.3%	1.0%	3.4%	2.5%	0.3%	1.9%	1.0%	2.0%	3.0%	2.0%
Westar Energy	3.2%	4.3%	5.5%	4.3%	1.2%	3.7%	2.0%	2.5%	3.0%	2.5%
Average						2.2%				2.9%
Avera Proxy Group										
American Electric Power	5.7%	5.2%	5.7%	5.1%	5.1%	5.4%	4.5%	4.5%	5.0%	4.7%
Black Hills Corp	2.3%	3.8%	3.8%	5.1%	0.0%	3.0%	1.0%	2.0%	3.5%	2.2%
Cleco Corp	3.9%	4.1%	3.0%	2.6%	4.5%	3.6%	4.0%	5.0%	4.5%	4.5%
Dominion Resources	4.8%	1.1%	5.6%	5.0%	8.4%	5.0%	7.5%	7.0%	7.0%	7.2%
DPL Inc.	9.8%	0.8%	1.7%	11.4%	12.6%	7.3%	11.0%	11.0%	9.5%	10.5%
DTE Energy	1.6%	3.7%	1.2%	1.5%	1.7%	1.9%	2.5%	3.0%	3.5%	3.0%
Edison International	0.0%	12.2%	10.1%	9.2%	8.6%	8.0%	5.5%	6.0%	7.0%	6.2%
Empire District Electric	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	2.0%	2.5%	3.0%	2.5%
NiSource Inc.	3.9%	0.9%	1.2%	1.2%	2.5%	1.9%	1.0%	1.5%	2.0%	1.5%
Northeast Utilities	1.6%	1.5%	0.3%	4.3%	5.3%	2.6%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%
Pepco Holdings	2.5%	2.4%	1.5%	2.3%	4.2%	2.6%	2.0%	3.0%	3.5%	2.8%
PG&E	10.3%	7.7%	6.8%	6.0%	6.8%	7.5%	5.5%	5.5%	6.0%	5.7%
PNM Resources	4.5%	4.3%	3.7%	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	0.0%	1.5%	3.0%	1.5%
PPL Corp	9.3%	8.8%	9.3%	10.0%	8.5%	9.2%	3.0%	12.5%	10.5%	8.7%
Progress Energy	2.6%	1.7%	0.0%	0.7%	1.5%	1.3%	2.0%	2.5%	3.0%	2.5%
PS Enterprise Group	3.5%	5.3%	5.3%	9.9%	10.5%	6.9%	10.5%	10.0%	9.0%	9.8%
Puget Energy										
Westar Energy	3.2%	4.3%	5.5%	4.3%	1.2%	3.7%	2.0%	2.5%	3.0%	2.5%
Xcel Energy	3.9%	2.9%	3.6%	3.1%	3.8%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	5.0%	4.0%
Average						4.2%				4.7%

Source: Value Line Investment Survey.

COMPARISON COMPANIES PER SHARE GROWTH RATES

COMPANY	5-Year Historic Growth Rates				Est'd '06-'08 to '12-'14 Growth Rates			
	EPS	DPS	BVPS	Average	EPS	DPS	BVPS	Average
Comparison Group								
Avista	4.0%	5.0%	3.0%	4.0%	6.0%	12.5%	3.5%	7.3%
Ameren	-1.5%	0.0%	5.0%	1.2%	2.5%	-6.5%	3.5%	-0.2%
Cleco	0.5%	0.5%	9.0%	3.3%	9.5%	10.0%	5.5%	8.3%
Great Plains Energy	-4.5%	0.0%	7.0%	0.8%	-0.5%	-8.0%	3.0%	-1.8%
Hawaiian Electric Industries	-6.0%	0.0%	1.0%	-1.7%	7.0%	0.0%	2.5%	3.2%
Pinnacle West Capital	-1.0%	5.0%	3.0%	2.3%	3.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.7%
Westar Energy	21.5%	-0.5%	1.0%	7.3%	4.0%	4.5%	6.0%	4.8%
Average				2.5%				3.3%
Avera Proxy Group								
American Electric Power	0.0%	-6.0%	2.5%	-1.2%	3.0%	3.0%	5.0%	3.7%
Black Hills Corp	-8.0%	3.5%	5.0%	0.2%	6.5%	2.5%	3.0%	4.0%
Cleco Corp	0.5%	0.5%	9.0%	3.3%	9.5%	10.0%	5.5%	8.3%
Dominion Resources	5.5%	2.5%	1.5%	3.2%	8.0%	7.0%	7.5%	7.5%
DPL Inc.	7.0%	2.0%	2.5%	3.8%	8.0%	3.5%	11.0%	7.5%
DTE Energy	-2.5%	0.5%	4.0%	0.7%	7.5%	3.0%	2.5%	4.3%
Edison International	13.5%		14.5%	14.0%	3.5%	4.5%	7.0%	5.0%
Empire District Electric	3.5%	0.0%	1.5%	1.7%	8.5%	1.5%	2.0%	4.0%
NiSource Inc.	-5.0%	-4.0%	1.5%	-2.5%	1.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.5%
Northeast Utilities	3.0%	8.5%	2.0%	4.5%	8.0%	6.5%	5.0%	6.5%
Pepco Holdings	-2.0%	17.5%	1.5%	5.7%	3.0%	0.0%	2.5%	1.8%
PG&E	26.5%		18.0%	22.3%	6.5%	7.5%	6.5%	6.8%
PNM Resources	-11.5%	6.5%	4.0%	-0.3%	5.0%			5.0%
PPL Corp	7.5%	12.5%	13.5%	11.2%	10.5%	12.0%	7.5%	10.0%
Progress Energy	-6.5%	2.0%	2.5%	-0.7%	6.0%	1.0%	2.0%	3.0%
PS Enterprise Group	5.5%	2.0%	7.0%	4.8%	7.5%	6.0%	9.5%	7.7%
Puget Energy								
Westar Energy	21.5%	-0.5%	1.0%	7.3%	4.0%	4.5%	6.0%	4.8%
Xcel Energy	1.0%	-4.0%	1.0%	-0.7%	6.5%	3.0%	4.5%	4.7%
Average				4.3%				5.3%

Source: Value Line Investment Survey.

**COMPARISON COMPANIES
DCF COST RATES**

COMPANY	ADJUSTED YIELD	HISTORIC RETENTION GROWTH	PROSPECTIVE RETENTION GROWTH	HISTORIC PER SHARE GROWTH	PROSPECTIVE PER SHARE GROWTH	FIRST CALL EPS GROWTH	AVERAGE GROWTH	DCF RATES
Comparison Group								
Avista	5.1%	2.6%	3.3%	4.0%	7.3%	5.0%	4.5%	9.5%
Ameren	6.5%	1.0%	3.8%	1.2%		4.0%	2.5%	9.0%
Cleco	4.2%	3.6%	4.5%	3.3%	8.3%	11.7%	6.3%	10.5%
Great Plains Energy	5.7%	1.8%	1.8%	0.8%		5.6%	2.5%	8.2%
Hawaiian Electric Industries	7.3%	0.9%	2.0%		3.2%	4.9%	2.7%	10.0%
Pinnacle West Capital	7.4%	1.9%	2.0%	2.3%	1.7%	5.7%	2.7%	10.1%
Westar Energy	6.7%	3.7%	2.5%	7.3%	4.8%	3.3%	4.3%	11.0%
Average	6.1%	2.2%	2.9%	3.2%	5.1%	5.7%	3.7%	9.8%
Median	6.5%	1.9%	2.5%	2.8%	4.8%	5.0%	2.7%	10.0%
Mean Composite		8.3%	9.0%	9.3%	11.2%	11.8%	9.8%	
Median Composite		8.4%	9.0%	9.3%	11.3%	11.5%	9.2%	
Avera Proxy Group								
American Electric Power	6.0%	5.4%	4.7%		3.7%	3.0%	4.2%	10.2%
Black Hills Corp	6.4%	3.0%	2.2%	0.2%	4.0%	6.0%	3.1%	9.4%
Cleco Corp	4.2%	3.6%	4.5%	3.3%	8.3%	11.7%	6.3%	10.5%
Dominion Resources	5.6%	5.0%	7.2%	3.2%	7.5%	6.4%	5.8%	11.4%
DPL Inc.	5.2%	7.3%	10.5%	3.8%	7.5%	9.3%	7.7%	12.9%
DTE Energy	6.7%	1.9%	3.0%	0.7%	4.3%	3.0%	2.6%	9.3%
Edison International	4.2%	8.0%	6.2%	14.0%	5.0%	1.3%	6.9%	11.1%
Empire District Electric	7.8%	0.2%	2.5%	1.7%	4.0%	6.0%	2.9%	10.6%
NiSource Inc.	7.8%	1.9%	1.5%		0.5%	3.0%	1.7%	9.5%
Northeast Utilities	4.5%	2.6%	4.5%	4.5%	6.5%	8.3%	5.3%	9.8%
Peppo Holdings	8.3%	2.6%	2.8%	5.7%	1.8%	3.7%	3.3%	11.7%
PG&E	4.7%	7.5%	5.7%	22.3%	6.8%	7.1%	9.9%	14.5%
PNM Resources	4.8%	2.5%	1.5%		5.0%	5.8%	3.7%	8.5%
PPL Corp	4.5%	9.2%	8.7%	11.2%	10.0%	12.7%	10.3%	14.8%
Progress Energy	6.8%	1.3%	2.5%		3.0%	5.4%	3.0%	9.9%
PS Enterprise Group	4.3%	6.9%	9.8%	4.8%	7.7%	5.7%	7.0%	11.3%
Puget Energy								
Westar Energy	6.7%	3.7%	2.5%	7.3%	4.8%	3.3%	4.3%	11.0%
Xcel Energy	5.4%	3.5%	4.0%	-0.7%	4.7%	6.6%	3.6%	9.0%
Average	5.8%	4.2%	4.7%	5.9%	5.3%	6.0%	5.1%	10.9%
Median	5.5%	3.5%	4.3%	4.2%	4.9%	5.9%	4.3%	10.6%
Mean Composite		10.0%	10.4%	11.6%	11.1%	11.8%	10.9%	
Median Composite		9.0%	9.7%	9.6%	10.4%	11.3%	9.7%	

Note: Negative average values not considered.

Sources: Prior pages of this schedule.