

Exhibit No. ____ (DCP-15)
Docket UE-090134/UG-090135
and UG-060518 (consolidated)
Witness: David C. Parcell

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKETS UE-090134
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	and UG-090135
)	(consolidated)
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	
)	
AVISTA CORPORATION, d/b/a)	
AVISTA UTILITIES,)	
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Respondent.)	
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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**

Avista Corp. – Rating Agency Ratios

August 17, 2009

AVISTA CORP. RATING AGENCY RATIOS

ITEM	PERCENT	COST RATE	WEIGHTED COST	PRE-TAX COST
Total Debt	54.60%	6.57%	3.59%	3.59%
Common Equity	<u>45.40%</u>	10.000%	<u>4.54%</u>	<u>7.57%</u>
TOTAL CAPITAL	100.00%		8.13%	11.15%

Pre-tax coverage = $11.15/3.59\%$
 3.11 X

Standard & Poor's Utility Benchmark Ratios:

BBB

Pre-tax coverage (X)
 Business Position:

6

2.6 - 4.0x

Total Debt to Total Capital (%)
 Business Position

6

48 - 58%

Note: Since 2004, S&P no longer uses the ratio "Pre-tax Coverage" as one of its benchmark ratios. The benchmark levels shown above reflect the 1999 levels cited by S&P.