

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES &  
TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

AVISTA CORPORATION  
d/b/a AVISTA UTILITIES,

Respondent.

DOCKET UE-080416

DOCKET UG-080417  
(consolidated)

OFFER OF PUBLIC TESTIMONIAL  
EXHIBIT NO. 6

1. Public Counsel hereby offers Exhibit No. 6 for admission into the record of the proceeding.
2. Exhibit No. 6. The exhibit consists of letters, e-mails, written comments collected at public hearings, and other written materials submitted by the public to provide comment on the general rate case of Avista Utilities. These letters and materials were submitted to the Commission and to the office of Public Counsel. Because of the large number of comments, they are submitted in electronic form on the attached disk.
3. A voluminous number of public comments were received by the Commission, many via e-mail and internet, for which there are no original hard copies to submit. Commission Consumer Protection and Communications Staff entered these comments into a database, which includes all comments received by the Commission. Text of the comments was either directly input into the database, or in the case of comments received via mail, the document was scanned into one of thirty six different .pdf formatted files and that file was referenced in the database. The output

from this database has been included in .pdf format on the enclosed CD, and this one (1) file, along with the thirty six (36) files with scanned comments, provide all comments submitted to the Commission. The CD also contains two (2) files in .pdf format with comments received by Public Counsel.

4. The submitted material has been counted as follows:

a. Comments received by WUTC

Opposing the rate increase	1,770
Supporting the rate increase	20
Other comments	17

b. Comments received by Public Counsel

Opposing the rate increase	41
Supporting the rate increase	1
Other Comments	0

5. Public Counsel submits a total of one thousand eight hundred forty nine (1,849) public comments in the exhibit with one thousand eight hundred eleven (1,811) opposing the requested rate increase. Twenty one (21) comments support the request. Seventeen (17) neither oppose nor support Avista's request.

6. DATED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2008.

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