BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATE  DOCKET NO. UE-10	ION COM	MISS]	ON
EXHIBIT NO (RLM-3)  RONALD L. MCKENZIE  REPRESENTING AVISTA CORPORATION		2010 MAR 31 AM 10: 1,1	

## Avista Utilities Colstrip Fixed Costs 2009 Actual and Authorized

Line		Total System		
No.		2009 Actual	<u>Authorized</u>	<u>Difference</u>
1	Gross plant	\$289,592,710		
2	Accumulated depreciation	-187,366,482	-177,279,311	
3	Accumulated deferred FIT	-27,337,642		
4	Net rate base	\$74,888,586	\$84,917,562	
5	Rate of return	8.22%	8.22%	
6	Return on rate base	\$6,155,842	\$6,980,224	
7	Tax benefit of debt return (see below)	-917,385	-1,040,240	
8	Depreciation expense	7,641,355	7,714,912	
9	Operation and maintenance expense	12,004,742	10,103,076	
10	Total fixed costs	\$24,884,554	\$23,757,972	\$1,126,582
11	Washington allocation percentage		_	64.590%
12	Washington allocated amount			\$727,659
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	Tax benefit of debt return			
13		\$74,888,586		
14	Debt cost component	3.50%	3.50%	
15	Debt return	\$2,621,101	\$2,972,115	
16	Federal income tax rate	-35%	-35%	
17	Tax benefit of debt return	-\$917,385	-\$1,040,240	

Authorized costs result from the Multiparty Settlement Stipulation approved in Docket No. UE-080416 by Order 08 dated December 29, 2008. The test period was 2007 and rates were effective January 1, 2009.

Item 6(E) of the Settlement Agreement approved by Order 03 in Docket UE-060181 dated June 16, 2006, defines fixed costs to be return on rate base net of tax, depreciation expense, and operation and maintenance expense not included in the net power costs and other production costs related to the plant.