

**BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

AVISTA CORPORATION, DBA
AVISTA UTILITIES,

Respondent.

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) DOCKET NOS. UE-140188 and
) UG-140189 (*Consolidated*)
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EXHIBIT NO.__(MPG-16)

EQUITY RISK PREMIUM – UTILITY BOND

July 22, 2014

Avista Corporation

Equity Risk Premium - Utility Bond

<u>Line</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Authorized Electric Returns¹</u> (1)	<u>Average "A" Rated Utility Bond Yield²</u> (2)	<u>Indicated Risk Premium</u> (3)
1	1986	13.93%	9.58%	4.35%
2	1987	12.99%	10.10%	2.89%
3	1988	12.79%	10.49%	2.30%
4	1989	12.97%	9.77%	3.20%
5	1990	12.70%	9.86%	2.84%
6	1991	12.55%	9.36%	3.19%
7	1992	12.09%	8.69%	3.40%
8	1993	11.41%	7.59%	3.82%
9	1994	11.34%	8.31%	3.03%
10	1995	11.55%	7.89%	3.66%
11	1996	11.39%	7.75%	3.64%
12	1997	11.40%	7.60%	3.80%
13	1998	11.66%	7.04%	4.62%
14	1999	10.77%	7.62%	3.15%
15	2000	11.43%	8.24%	3.19%
16	2001	11.09%	7.76%	3.33%
17	2002	11.16%	7.37%	3.79%
18	2003	10.97%	6.58%	4.39%
19	2004	10.75%	6.16%	4.59%
20	2005	10.54%	5.65%	4.89%
21	2006	10.36%	6.07%	4.29%
22	2007	10.36%	6.07%	4.29%
23	2008	10.46%	6.53%	3.93%
24	2009	10.48%	6.04%	4.44%
25	2010	10.24%	5.46%	4.78%
26	2011	10.07%	5.04%	5.03%
27	2012	10.01%	4.13%	5.88%
28	2013	9.79%	4.48%	5.31%
29	2014 ³	9.57%	4.56%	5.01%
30	Average	11.27%	7.30%	3.97%

Sources:

¹ Regulatory Research Associates, Inc., *Regulatory Focus*, Jan. 85 - Dec. 06, and April 9, 2014, excluding the Virginia cases, which are subject to an adjustment for certain generation assets up to 200 basis points.

² Mergent Public Utility Manual, Mergent Weekly News Reports, 2003. The utility yields for the period 2001-2009 were obtained from the Mergent Bond Record. The utility yields from 2010-2013 were obtained from <http://credittrends.moody.com/>.

³ The data includes the period Jan - Mar 2014.