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Carole J. Washburn, Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW
P. O. Box 47250
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

Re: *In the Matter of the Petition of Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities for an Order Authorizing Implementation of a Natural Gas Decoupling Mechanism and to Record Accounting Entries Associated with the Mechanism*
Docket No. UG-060518

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket is the original signed confidentiality agreement for Gene L. Waas.

Sincerely,



GREGORY J. TRANTMAN
Assistant Attorney General

GJT:tmw

Enclosure

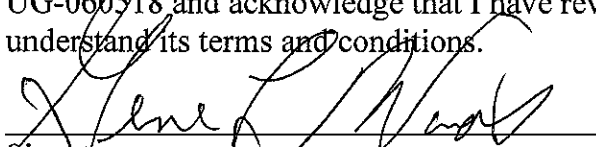
cc: All Parties

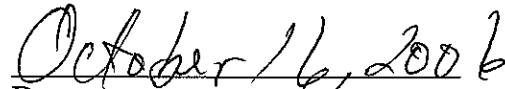


EXHIBIT B (EXPERT AGREEMENT)

AGREEMENT CONCERNING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION
IN DOCKET UG-060518
BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

I, Gene L. Waas, as expert witness in this proceeding for WUTC (a party to this proceeding) hereby agree to comply with and be bound by the Protective Order entered by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission in Docket UG-060518 and acknowledge that I have reviewed the Protective Order and fully understand its terms and conditions.


Signature


Date

WUTC

Employer

1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW
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Address

Assistant Director for Energy

Position and Responsibilities

The following portion is to be completed by the responding party and filed with the Commission within 10 days of receipt; failure to do so will constitute a waiver and the above-named person will be deemed an expert having access to Confidential Information under the terms and conditions of the protective order.

_____ No objection.

_____ Objection. The responding party objects to the above-named expert having access to Confidential Information. The objecting party shall file a motion setting forth the basis for objection and asking exclusion of the expert from access to Confidential Information.

Signature

Date