BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. UE-08\_\_\_\_

DOCKET NO. UG-08\_\_\_\_

DAVID J. MEYER

REPRESENTING AVISTA CORPORATION

CLAIM OF CONFIDENTIALITY

I, David J. Meyer, represent Avista Corporation. I am Vice President and Chief Counsel for Regulatory and Governmental Affairs for Avista Corporation (“Avista” or “Company”) and I am appearing on its behalf in this proceeding.

I make this claim of confidentiality pursuant to WAC 480-07-160 (3)(a) because Avista, through its supporting workpapers and exhibits, provided in the above captioned docket, is disclosing certain information that is CONFIDENTIAL and constitutes VALUABLE COMMERCIAL INFORMATION as defined by WAC 480-07-160 (2) and protected under WAC 480-07-160 and RCW 80-04-095.

Any printed information Avista provides will, as required under WAC 480-07-160, be marked as CONFIDENTIAL PER WAC 480-07-160, submitted on yellow or canary paper, and will be provided under separate cover. The electronic information Avista provides will be reproduced separately on a compact disk (CD) and will also be marked as CONFIDENTIAL PER WAC 480-07-160.

The confidential information that Avista is disclosing can be classified as information pertaining to contract prices, terms and conditions, and plant operation data, and, as such, comprises valuable commercial information. Other confidential information pertains to the resolution of certain litigation matters. In addition, Avista has a licensing agreement with EPIS, Inc., for the use of their AURORA Electric Market Model software package used by the Company to determine power supply costs, and can only be shared with licensed users. Avista also asserts that the aforementioned information is confidential in that certain contract information is prohibited, by the contract terms, from public disclosure.

I am of the opinion, therefore, that this information is “CONFIDENTIAL,” as defined by WAC 480-07-160, and should be protected from public inspection, examination and copying.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 3rd day of March, 2008.

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