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Docket Nos. UE-991606, UG-991607
Witness: James M. Russell

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)
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Complainant,)
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v.)
)
AVISTA CORPORATION,)
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Respondent.)
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EXHIBIT
OF
JAMES M. RUSSELL
STAFF OF
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

May 5, 2000

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DOCKET NO. <u>UE-991606</u>		
EXHIBIT # <u>669</u>		
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Natural Gas Rate Spread

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Joint Proposal At Staff's Revenue Requirement (\$000):

CLASS		Present Revenue	Cost of Gas	Margin	Therms	Increase \$	Avg. Incr. Per Therm	Margin Increase %
Residential/Commercial	101	\$51,441	\$25,647	\$25,794	115,059	\$ 588.208	\$0.00511	2.28%
Medium General Service	111	\$17,240	\$11,258	\$5,982	50,781	\$ 136.420	\$0.00269	2.28%
Large General Service	121	\$2,772	\$2,105	\$667	9,590	\$ 15.218	\$0.00159	2.28%
Interruptible	131	\$182	\$138	\$44	644	\$ -	\$0.00000	0.00%
Transportation	146	\$2,078	\$98	\$1,980	43,902	\$ 45.154	\$0.00103	2.28%
Special Contract	148	\$1,323	\$0	\$1,323	45,341	\$ -	\$0.00000	0.00%
Total:		\$75,036	\$39,245	\$35,791	265,317	\$ 785.000	\$0.00296	2.19%
Total Subject to Increase:				\$34,424				

Avista's Rate Spread and Revenue Requirement (\$000):

CLASS		Present Revenue	Cost of Gas	Margin	Therms	Increase \$	Avg. Incr. Per Therm	Margin Increase %
Residential/Commercial	101	\$51,441	\$25,647	\$25,794	115,059	\$3,833.000	\$ 0.03331	14.86%
Medium General Service	111	\$17,240	\$11,258	\$5,982	50,781	\$ 760.000	\$ 0.01497	12.70%
Large General Service	121	\$2,772	\$2,105	\$667	9,590	\$ 128.000	\$ 0.01335	19.18%
Interruptible	131	\$182	\$138	\$44	644	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Transportation	146	\$2,078	\$98	\$1,980	43,902	\$ 178.000	\$ 0.00405	8.99%
Special Contract	148	\$1,323	\$0	\$1,323	45,341	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Total:		\$75,036	\$39,245	\$35,791	265,317	\$4,899.000		13.69%

Natural Gas Rate Design

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	<u>Current</u>		<u>Staff</u> <u>Proposed</u>	%	Chg		<u>Avista</u> <u>Proposed</u>	%	Chg
Schedule 101:									
Basic Charge	\$ 4.00	Basic Charge	\$4.10	2.5%		Basic Charge	\$ 5.00	25.0%	
Commodity Charge	0.40052	Commodity Charg	0.40447	1.0%		Commodity Charge	0.42219	5.4%	

Schedule 111:									
Monthly Minimum	\$83.98	Monthly Minimum	\$84.99	1.2%		Monthly Minimum	\$ 89.44	6.5%	
First 200	0.41992	First 200	0.42497	1.2%		First 200	0.44720	6.5%	
Next 800	0.36217	Next 800	0.36452	0.6%		Next 800	0.37537	3.6%	
Over 1,000	0.30782	Over 1,000	0.31017	0.8%		Over 1,000	0.32102	4.3%	

Schedule 121:									
Monthly Minimum	\$204.64	Monthly Minimum	\$206.34	0.8%		Monthly Minimum	\$ 216.10	5.6%	
First 500	0.40927	First 500	0.41267	0.8%		First 500	0.43220	5.6%	
Next 500	0.36292	Next 500	0.36452	0.4%		Next 500	0.37537	3.4%	
Next 9,000	0.30857	Next 9,000	0.31017	0.5%		Next 9,000	0.32102	4.0%	
Over 10,000	0.27237	Over 10,000	0.27460	0.8%		Over 10,000	0.28743	5.5%	

Schedule 131:									
All Therms	\$ 0.28202	First 10,000	\$ 0.31000	9.9%		All Therms	\$ 0.28202	0.0%	
		Next 10,000	0.28000	-0.7%					
		Next 30,000	0.26000	-7.8%					
		Over 50,000	0.25000	-11.4%					

Schedule 146:									
Basic Charge	\$164.88	Basic Charge	\$200.00	21.3%		Basic Charge	\$200.00	21.3%	
First 500,000	0.04839	First 20,000	0.07500	55.0%		First 10,000	0.08950	85.0%	
Over 500,000	0.03445	Next 30,000	0.06000	24.0%		Next 40,000	0.06400	32.3%	
		Next 250,000	0.04230	-12.6%		Next 450,000	0.04300	-11.1%	
		Next 250,000	0.03430	-29.1%		Over 500,000	0.03500	1.6%	
		Over 500,000	0.03050	-11.5%					