

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. UE-08 ____

DOCKET NO. UG-08 ____

DAVID J. MEYER

REPRESENTING AVISTA CORPORATION

CLAIM OF CONFIDENTIALITY

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

4 I make this claim of confidentiality pursuant to WAC 480-07-160 (3)(a) because
5 Avista, through its supporting workpapers and exhibits, provided in the above
6 captioned docket, is disclosing certain information that is CONFIDENTIAL and
7 constitutes VALUABLE COMMERCIAL INFORMATION as defined by WAC 480-
8 07-160 (2) and protected under WAC 480-07-160 and RCW 80-04-095.

9 Any printed information Avista provides will, as required under WAC 480-07-
10 160, be marked as CONFIDENTIAL PER WAC 480-07-160, submitted on yellow or
11 canary paper, and will be provided under separate cover. The electronic information
12 Avista provides will be reproduced separately on a compact disk (CD) and will also be
13 marked as CONFIDENTIAL PER WAC 480-07-160.

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

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

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5 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 3rd day of March, 2008.

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9 David J. Meyer
10 Vice President and Chief Counsel for
11 Regulatory and Governmental Affairs
12 Avista Corporation