

**BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	
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Complainant,)	
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v.)	DOCKET NOS. UE-140188 and UG-140189 (Consolidated)
)	
AVISTA CORPORATION, DBA AVISTA UTILITIES,)	
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Respondent.)	
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EXHIBIT NO. ____(BCC-2)

QUALIFICATIONS OF BRIAN C. COLLINS

JULY 22, 2014

Qualifications of Brian C. Collins

1 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.**

2 **A.** Brian C. Collins. My business address is 16690 Swingley Ridge Road, Suite 140,
3 Chesterfield, MO 63017.

4 **Q WHAT IS YOUR OCCUPATION AND BY WHOM ARE YOU EMPLOYED?**

5 **A** I am an Associate in the field of public utility regulation with the firm of Brubaker &
6 Associates, Inc. (“BAI”), energy, economic and regulatory consultants.

7 **Q PLEASE STATE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND**
8 **EXPERIENCE.**

9 **A** I graduated from Southern Illinois University Carbondale with a Bachelor of Science
10 degree in Electrical Engineering. I also graduated from the University of Illinois at
11 Springfield with a Master of Business Administration degree. Prior to joining BAI, I
12 was employed by the Illinois Commerce Commission and City Water Light & Power
13 (“CWLP”) in Springfield, Illinois.

14 My responsibilities at the Illinois Commerce Commission included the review
15 of the prudence of utilities’ fuel costs in fuel adjustment reconciliation cases before the
16 Commission as well as the review of utilities’ requests for certificates of public
17 convenience and necessity for new electric transmission lines. My responsibilities at
18 CWLP included generation and transmission system planning. While at CWLP, I
19 completed several thermal and voltage studies in support of CWLP’s operating and
20 planning decisions. I also performed duties for CWLP’s Operations Department,
21 including calculating CWLP’s monthly cost of production. I also determined CWLP’s

1 allocation of wholesale purchased power costs to retail and wholesale customers for
2 use in the monthly fuel adjustment.

3 In June 2001, I joined BAI as a Consultant. Since that time, I have participated
4 in the analysis of various utility rate and other matters in several states and before
5 FERC. I have filed or presented testimony before the Arkansas Public Service
6 Commission, Florida Public Service Commission, the Idaho Public Utilities
7 Commission, the Illinois Commerce Commission, the Indiana Utility Regulatory
8 Commission, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, the Missouri Public Service
9 Commission, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, the Rhode Island Public
10 Utilities Commission, the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, and the
11 Wyoming Public Service Commission. I have also assisted in the analysis of
12 transmission line routes proposed in certificate of convenience and necessity
13 proceedings before the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

14 In 2009, I completed the University of Wisconsin – Madison High Voltage
15 Direct Current (“HVDC”) Transmission Course for Planners that was sponsored by
16 the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (“MISO”).

17 BAI was formed in April 1995. BAI and its predecessor firm has participated
18 in more than 700 regulatory proceeding in forty states and Canada.

19 BAI provides consulting services in the economic, technical, accounting, and
20 financial aspects of public utility rates and in the acquisition of utility and energy
21 services through RFPs and negotiations, in both regulated and unregulated markets.
22 Our clients include large industrial and institutional customers, some utilities and, on

1 occasion, state regulatory agencies. We also prepare special studies and reports,
2 forecasts, surveys and siting studies, and present seminars on utility-related issues.

3 In general, we are engaged in energy and regulatory consulting, economic
4 analysis and contract negotiation. In addition to our main office in St. Louis, the firm
5 also has branch offices in Phoenix, Arizona and Corpus Christi, Texas.