

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)
Complainant,) **Docket No. UE-050482**
vs.) **Docket No. UG-050483**
AVISTA CORPORATION,) *(consolidated)*
Respondent.)
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EXHIBIT NO. ___(MPG-7)

GDP GROWTH RATES

August 26, 2005

Avista Utilities

GDP Growth Rates

Line	Gas Utility	Dividend Growth			Inflation			Nominal GDP	
		Past 5 Yrs (1)	Past 10 Yrs (2)	3-5 Yrs Projection (3)	5 Yr CPI (4)	10 Yr CPI (5)	3-5 Yrs CPI (6)	Past 5 Yrs (7)	Past 10 Yrs (8)
1	American Elec. Power	-5.5%	-2.5%	-2.0%					
2	Black Hills Corp.	4.0%	3.5%	3.0%					
3	Cinergy Corp.	0.5%	1.0%	2.0%					
4	DTE Energy	N/A	N/A	0.5%					
5	Duke Energy	N/A	2.0%	4.0%					
6	Duquesne Light	-5.5%	0.5%	-1.0%					
7	FirstEnergy	2.0%	1.0%	3.5%					
8	Hawaiian Electric	N/A	1.0%	N/A					
9	NiSource, Inc.	1.5%	4.5%	0.5%					
10	OGE Energy	N/A	N/A	3.0%					
11	Pinnacle West Capital	7.0%	17.5%	5.0%					
12	PNM Resources	4.5%	N/A	10.5%					
13	Puget Energy, Inc.	-10.5%	-5.0%	1.0%					
14	Westar Energy	-15.0%	-7.0%	2.5%					
15	Average	-1.7%	1.5%	2.5%	2.6%	2.5%	2.50%	4.9%	5.2%

Sources:

The Value Line Investment Survey, June 3, July 1, and August 12, 2005.