

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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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 Avista,  
5 through its supporting exhibits and workpapers provided in the above captioned docket, is  
6 disclosing certain information that is CONFIDENTIAL and constitutes VALUABLE  
7 COMMERCIAL INFORMATION as defined by WAC 480-07-160(2) and protected under  
8 WAC 480-07-160 and RCW 80-04-095.

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

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

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

4 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.

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6  A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. J. Meyer", is written above a solid horizontal line.

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