

**BEFORE THE  
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

<b>WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>Complainant,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>v.</b>	)	<b>DOCKETS UE-160228 and UG-160229 (Consolidated)</b>
	)	
<b>AVISTA CORPORATION, DBA AVISTA UTILITIES,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>Respondent.</b>	)	
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**EXHIBIT NO. BCC-2**

**QUALIFICATIONS OF BRIAN C. COLLINS**

**AUGUST 17, 2016**

**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 a consultant in the field of public utility regulation and a Principal with the firm  
6 of Brubaker & 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 the  
5 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”). I have filed or presented  
6 testimony before the Arkansas Public Service Commission, the Delaware Public  
7 Service Commission, the Florida Public Service Commission, the Idaho Public  
8 Utilities Commission, the Illinois Commerce Commission, the Indiana Utility  
9 Regulatory Commission, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, the Missouri  
10 Public Service Commission, the North Dakota Public Service Commission, the Public  
11 Utilities Commission of Ohio, the Oregon Public Utility Commission, the Rhode  
12 Island Public Utilities Commission, the Virginia State Corporation Commission, the  
13 Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, the Washington Utilities and Transportation  
14 Commission, and the Wyoming Public Service Commission. I have also assisted in  
15 the analysis of transmission line routes proposed in certificate of convenience and  
16 necessity proceedings before the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

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

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

22 BAI provides consulting services in the economic, technical, accounting, and  
23 financial aspects of public utility rates and in the acquisition of utility and energy

1 services through RFPs and negotiations, in both regulated and unregulated markets.  
2 Our clients include large industrial and institutional customers, some utilities and, on  
3 occasion, state regulatory agencies. We also prepare special studies and reports,  
4 forecasts, surveys and siting studies, and present seminars on utility-related issues.

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