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April 11, 2007

Oregon Public Utility Commission
Attn: Filing Center
550 Capitol Street, N.E., #215
Salem, OR 97308-2148

Re: In the Matter of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon. Investigation Pursuant to ORS 757.210 and ORS 757.215 to examine Avista Corp., dba Avista Utilities' gas purchasing strategy.
Docket No. UM-1282

Dear Filing Center:

Enclosed please find the original and one (1) copy of Avista Corporation's Affidavit of Jason Thackston in the above-referenced docket. This is being filed electronically with the OPUC on this date, and will be served both electronically and by U.S. Mail on those parties listed on the OPUC's current Service List.

Thank you for your assistance with this filing. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D J Meyer", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

David J. Meyer
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Enclosure

c: UM-1282 Service List (via e-mail and first class mail)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on April 11, 2007, I served the foregoing upon all parties of record in Docket UM 1282 by delivering a copy by electronic mail and by mailing a copy by postage prepaid first class mail to parties accepting paper service.

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AFFIDAVIT OF JASON THACKSTON

State of Oregon)
) ss.
County of Marion)

I, Jason Thackston, hereby depose and say:

1. I am employed by Avista Corporation ("the Company") as Director Gas Supply.
2. In the course of my employment, I co-sponsored both direct and reply testimony in the above-captioned docket on behalf of Avista Corporation. This testimony was pre-filed as Stipulating Parties/100, Zimmerman, Thackston and Pyron.
3. My pre-filed testimony is true and accurate. If I were asked the same questions today, my answers would be the same.

SIGNED this 11th day of April, 2007.

Jason Thackston
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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 11th day of April, 2007

Tracy M. Townley
Notary Public for Oregon
My Commission expires: 10/24/10

