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June 4, 2015

Public Utility Commission of Oregon  
Attn: Filing Center  
PO Box 1088  
Salem, OR 97308-1088

**RE: UG-288 – In the Matter of the Application of AVISTA CORPORATION,  
dba AVISTA UTILITIES, for a General Rate Revision**

Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities, respectfully submits the attached Affidavit of Deborah M. Simock Regarding Notice of General Rate Revision in Docket No. UG-288.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact Paul Kimball at (509) 495-4584.

Sincerely,

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

David J. Meyer  
Vice President and Chief Counsel for Regulatory and Governmental Affairs

Enclosure

c: See attached service list

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON

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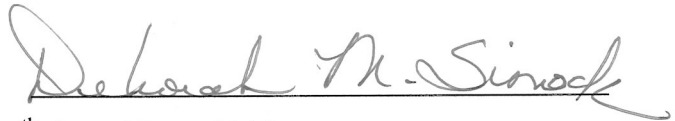
In the matter of the Application of )  
AVISTA CORPORATION, DBA )  
AVISTA UTILITIES for a General )  
Rate Revision )

AFFIDAVIT OF  
DEBORAH M. SIMOCK  
REGARDING NOTICE OF  
GENERAL RATE REVISION

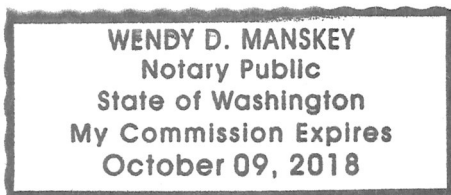
I, Deborah M. Simock, being first duly sworn on oath, depose and say:

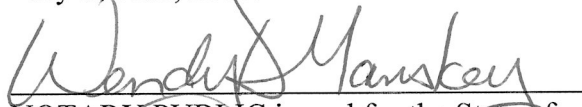
1. My full name is Deborah M. Simock. I am a Senior Communications Manager with Avista Corporation (Avista).
2. Avista filed with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon its Request for a General Rate Revision on May 1, 2015, UG-285.
3. Avista caused to be published a display advertisement announcing the General Rate Revision on May 13, 2015, in the LaGrande Observer, Ashland Daily Tidings, and the Medford Mail Tribune; May 12, 2015 in the Grants Pass Daily Courier, and May 10, 2015, in the Klamath Falls Herald and News and the Roseburg News Review. The ad size was 3 columns wide by 10 inches tall for all publications. A copy of that announcement is attached as Exhibit A.

Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015.



SIGNED AND SWORN to before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015.



  
NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of  
Washington, residing at Spokane.

Commission Expires: 10.09.18

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
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AFFIDAVIT OF DEBORAH M. SIMOCK  
REGARDING NOTICE OF AVISTA CORPORATION'S  
GENERAL RATE REVISION

EXHIBIT A

## **Oregon GRC Newspaper Advertisement – May 2015**

On May 1, 2015, Avista filed a request with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (PUC) designed to increase natural gas billed rates by an overall 8.0 percent, or \$8.6 million. If the request is approved, a residential customer using an average of 47 therms a month would see a \$5.68 increase, or 8.9 percent, for a revised monthly bill of \$69.33.

We asked for this adjustment to recover capital investments to expand and replace the facilities we use every day to serve our customers. This includes, among other things, replacement and maintenance of Avista's infrastructure and technology, compliance with municipal requirements (i.e., street/highway relocations), and the systematic replacement of aging infrastructure.

The cost of natural gas is not included in this filing. As required by the PUC, Avista will file its annual Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) in July 2015. PGAs are filed each year to balance the actual cost of wholesale natural gas purchased by Avista to serve customers with the amount included in rates. The PGA filing is separate from the general rate request and has no impact on company earnings.

Avista offers a variety of options to help customers with energy costs, including energy assistance and energy efficiency programs. For information on how we can help, visit us at [www.avistautilities.com](http://www.avistautilities.com) or call us at (800) 227-9187.

### **For More information**

Copies of our general rate filing are available at [www.avistautilities.com/rates](http://www.avistautilities.com/rates), or you can review the filing by visiting our headquarters at:

1411 E. Mission, Spokane, WA 99202  
(800) 227-9187

Copies of Avista's testimony and exhibits are available for inspection at [www.avistautilities.com/rates](http://www.avistautilities.com/rates), or at its district offices located at:

580 Business Park Drive, Medford, OR 97504  
456 Market Street, Klamath Falls, OR 97601  
10201 S "F" Street, Island City, OR 97850  
1404 Green Siding Road, Roseburg, OR 97471

This announcement is to provide you with general information about Avista's rate request and its effect on customers. The calculations and statements in this announcement are not binding on the PUC. For more information about the filing or for information about the time and place of any hearing, contact the PUC at:

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