



FOR AVISTA CORPORATION

1 I, David J. Meyer, represent Avista Corporation. I am  
2 Vice President and General Counsel, Regulatory and  
3 Governmental Affairs for Avista Corporation ("Avista" or  
4 "Company") and I am appearing on its behalf in this  
5 proceeding.

6 I make this certification and claim of confidentiality  
7 pursuant to IDAPA 31.01.01 because Avista, through its  
8 supporting workpapers, is disclosing certain information  
9 that is CONFIDENTIAL and constitutes TRADE SECRETS as defined  
10 by Idaho Code Section 9-340 and 48-801 and protected under  
11 IDAPA 31.01.01.067 and 31.01.01.233.

12 The printed information Avista provides will, as  
13 required under IDAPA Rule 67, be marked as "CONFIDENTIAL,"  
14 will be reproduced "on any colored paper other than white,"  
15 and will be provided under separate cover. The electronic  
16 information Avista provides will be reproduced separately on  
17 a compact disk (CD) and will also be marked as CONFIDENTIAL.

18 The confidential information that Avista is disclosing  
19 can be classified into two basic categories: 1) information  
20 pertaining to contract prices, terms and conditions, and 2)  
21 certain results providing detailed information on the  
22 Company's load and resource positions by month.

1           Avista herein asserts that the aforementioned  
2 information is confidential in that: 1) the contract  
3 information is prohibited, by the contract terms, from public  
4 disclosure, and 2) making the load and resource information  
5 public will give entities access to competitive information  
6 on future operating plans and market purchase requirements  
7 and Avista believes the information could be used to  
8 disadvantage its customers.

9           I am of the opinion that this information is  
10 "CONFIDENTIAL," as defined by Idaho Code Sections 9-340D and  
11 48-801, should therefore be protected from public inspection,  
12 examination and copying, and should be utilized only in  
13 accordance with the terms of the PROTECTIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
14 AVISTA CORPORATION AND IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
15 STAFF.

16           RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 22nd day of January, 2009

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David J. Meyer  
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Regulatory & Governmental Affairs  
Avista Corporation