

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

AVISTA CORPORATION D/B/A/ AVISTA UTILITIES

Respondent.

DOCKETS UE-220053, UG-220054, and UE-210854 (Consolidated)

**AARON TAM
ON BEHALF OF THE
WASHINGTON STATE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
PUBLIC COUNSEL UNIT**

EXHIBIT AT-28

Avista's Response to Public Counsel Data Request No. 312

July 29, 2022

AVISTA CORP.
RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

JURISDICTION:	WASHINGTON	DATE PREPARED:	07/11/2022
CASE NO.:	220053/54/210854	WITNESS:	David Howell
REQUESTER:	Public Counsel	RESPONDER:	David James
TYPE:	Data Request	DEPT:	Wildfire Resiliency
REQUEST NO.:	PC – 312	TELEPHONE:	(509) 495-4185
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SUBJECT: RE: Wildfire Plan

PC-312 RE: Wildfire Plan, refer to Direct Testimony of David R. Howell, Exh. DRH-1T at 34:15–35:2.

REQUEST:

Avista attributes its lack of specific fire data to its outdated outage management system. Avista seeks to replace its outage management system (OMS) in this rate case. Has the Company consulted David James or David Howell on the replacement of the OMS? If yes, please explain the extent of consultation and how that has influenced the Request for Proposal (RFP). If no, please explain why they have not been consulted.

RESPONSE:

The outage management system is an enterprise-wide data management system for which the Wildfire team is a stakeholder, not the owner. Thus, David James and David Howell have been consulted and are stakeholders of the OMS. This will also be the case with the new OMS, for which a Request for Proposal (RFP) is currently being developed. When the RFP is completed, which is projected for late third quarter 2022, and a vendor is selected, a detailed list of requirements for the new system will be developed via a series of design workshops. The RFP documentation and evaluation criteria will be provided in PC-DR-316 when available.

As described fully in the OMS Business Case included at Exh. JMK-2, page 256, this project is to meet our current and future needs around system reliability, inclusion or distributed energy resources and improved customer experience during outage/restoration situation. The Wildfire Team will be able to use an improved level of detail about outage causes from a fully digital damage assessment, and restoration workflow (yet to be designed) in their analysis and reporting. In summary, the Wildfire team is recognized as a stakeholder in this process and will participate in developing the requirements for the OMS replacement.