

**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-7

Avista's Response to Public Counsel Data Request No. 123

July 29, 2022

**AVISTA CORP.
RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

JURISDICTION:	WASHINGTON	DATE PREPARED:	04/11/2022
CASE NO.:	UE-220053 & UG-220054	WITNESS:	David Howell
REQUESTER:	Public Counsel	RESPONDER:	Justin Baldwin-Bonney
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SUBJECT: Capital Additions RY1 (Provisional Wildfire 2022 Capital Additions)

REQUEST:

Please explain what expenditures are being made for wildfire prevention that qualify as capital additions.

RESPONSE:

Primarily, capital additions under the Wildfire Resiliency Plan Business Case are for Grid Hardening activities. These include grid hardening of the Distribution network by reviewing holistically the network and targeting areas that are at a high risk of fires and performing such work as capital replacement of wood crossarms with fiberglass, eliminating open wire secondary districts, or replacing obsolete equipment. Wildfire capital work is also performed on the transmission network by replacing wood poles with tubular steel to ensure the transmission system is more resilient to wildfires.

In addition, the increased deployment of SCADA equipment deployed to additional devices, allowing a more refined deployment of the company's Dry Land Mode operating strategy helps to reduce the spark-ignition risk. In conjunction with a developed computer-based fire risk monitoring program, which is a software solution to assist with limiting these risks.

For more detail, please refer to the testimony of Company Witness David Howell, and his supporting Exhibits (Exh.s DRH-2 through DRH-4).