

**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-12

Avista's Response to Public Counsel Data Request No. 190

July 29, 2022

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

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| JURISDICTION: | WASHINGTON | DATE PREPARED: | 04/19/2022 |
| CASE NO.: | UE-220053 & UG-220054 | WITNESS: | David Howell |
| REQUESTER: | Public Counsel | RESPONDER: | Heather Webster |
| TYPE: | Data Request | DEPT: | Asset Maintenance |
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SUBJECT: Vegetation Management

REQUEST:

If Avista only used satellite imagery to inspect vegetation along non-urban transmission and distribution electrical feeder miles, would it satisfy the inspection requirements of the Measure 11 performance incentive?

RESPONSE:

Satellite imagery is not used to analyze or inspect the transmission system.

Analysis of satellite imagery alone does not constitute a satisfactorily completed risk tree inspection of the distribution system. The satellite inspection project is still a pilot project and Avista is working to ground-truth the results of the analysis and decide how it may be used in the future to supplement the inspection process. Avista's goal is to inspect 100% of non-urban distribution miles in 2022 visually with inspectors on site performing the inspections.