

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

JURISDICTION:	WASHINGTON	DATE PREPARED:	05/20/2016
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REQUEST:

Does Avista agree that there are no current or planned residential rate schedules identified or proposed in this rate case that would provide any incentive to shift usage from peak to off peak? If Avista does not agree, please explain.

RESPONSE:

A benefit of the Washington advanced metering system is that it will provide the necessary foundation for billing options such as time-of-use rates or demand response programs. This “optionality” allows the Company and Commission to consider future billing or rate options that might otherwise not be cost effective. Avista expects the costs and specific benefits of developing and implementing these types of future rate options, such as those referenced above, will be evaluated as they are proposed in a future proceeding.