AVISTA CORP. RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

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REQUEST:

Provide any analysis done by Avista regarding participation in CAISO's EIM market.

RESPONSE:

As discussed in the Company's response to PC_DR_002, Avista is currently working on a cost benefit analysis associated with joining the CAISO Energy Imbalance Market (EIM). Avista is currently working with a consultant to help analyze the benefits of joining the EIM. Avista previously completed a cost/gap analysis and is working with the consultant to update the assessment based on new cost information and experience provided by EIM participating entities that have recently joined the market. Avista anticipates completing this analysis by the end of 2017 to help inform its decision on joining the EIM.