

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

JURISDICTION:	WASHINGTON	DATE PREPARED:	11/22/2022
CASE NO:	220053-54-210854	WITNESS:	Elizabeth Andrews
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**REQUEST:**

In footnote 8 to their joint testimony, Exh. JT-1T at 14, the Settling Parties provide hypothetical components illustrating how the agreed rate of return of 7.03 percent in the Multiparty Settlement Stipulation “could be derived using Avista’s currently-authorized Return on Equity of 9.4 percent, 48.5 percent equity layer, 51.5 percent debt layer, and a 4.8 percent cost of debt that was updated during the case.” Please identify and explain the update to Avista’s cost of debt and complete this reference by attaching the source material for Avista’s updated cost of debt to this bench request.

**RESPONSE:**

In addition to the above-referenced Joint Testimony, within rebuttal testimony Exh. EMA-7T, page 15, footnote 24, Ms. Andrews stated: “On May 18, 2022, Avista in a supplemental response to AWEC Data Request 053 provided all parties with an updated cost of debt based on the most recent debt issuance conducted since the filing of the original case.”

That supplemental AWEC Data Request 053 is attached as noted below.

Attached to this Bench Request 07 are the following documents:

- 220053-54-210854-AVA-BR-07 - Attachment A1 is the supplemental AWEC Data Request 053 cover describing the change in cost of debt.
- Attached as 220053-54-210854-AVA-BR-07 - Attachment A2 is the native excel file providing the cost of debt calculations. This file was originally provided to all parties as “Supplemental AWEC Data Request 053 – Attachment A.” See tab “Exhibit No. MTT-2 Page 4” for the “AMA of 2023” Average 4.8% calculation.