

AVISTA CORP.
RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

JURISDICTION:	WASHINGTON	DATE PREPARED:	12/28/2017
CASE NO:	UE-170485 & UG-170486	WITNESS:	Kevin Christie
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REQUEST:

Avista's LIRAP Five -Year Plan, approved in Avista's 2015 General Rate Case Final Order, Dockets UE-150204/UG-150205, Order 05, ¶ 232, provides that LIRAP funding will increase annually by "7 percent or twice the percentage increase in Schedule 1 and Schedule 101 base rates, whichever is greater [.]". Given that Kevin Christie's low-income weatherization proposal is described as "a similar plan to that of LIRAP," please explain:

- a. Why Avista limits proposed low-income weatherization increases to 7 percent, if that is the intent, rather than allowing for larger increases under the Five-Year plan formula?
- b. Is Avista willing to modify its proposal to allow for weatherization increases larger than 7 percent if appropriate under the Five-Year LIRAP plan formula?

RESPONSE:

- a. Avista "mirrored" its current LIRAP Five-Year Plan with the proposed 7 percent, or twice the percentage increase in Schedule 1 and Schedule 101 base rates, whichever is greater over the proposed 3-year rate plan. The Company believes that 7 percent is a good balance between covering the need and minimizing the overall customer impact.
- b. No.