

AVISTA CORP.
RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

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REQUEST:

Does Avista agree that an evaluation of prudence would require the Commission to review not only the costs incurred, but the benefits that actually resulted from the proposed AMI investment? If so, describe what data Avista proposes to gather and report to support its estimated benefits for each category listed on Table 1, page 6 of Mr. La Bolle's Rebuttal Testimony. If not, why not?

RESPONSE:

Avista agrees that the Commission will consider the benefits of advanced metering, both in the form of quantified benefits, and un-quantified or intangible benefits, in its determination as to whether the Company's advanced metering project should proceed as planned. In this docket, Avista has addressed the benefits that are expected from this project, and has described its approach, where applicable, as being reasonably conservative in the estimation of value for the benefits it has quantified. Going forward, the Company will carefully manage its costs of implementation, as described in PC/EP_DR_076, in order to demonstrate that it has prudently incurred such costs.