

AVISTA CORP.
RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

JURISDICTION:	WASHINGTON	DATE PREPARED:	09/16/2015
CASE NO:	UE-150204 & UG-150205	WITNESS:	Elizabeth Andrews
REQUESTER:	Public Counsel	RESPONDER:	Liz Andrews
TYPE:	Data Request	DEPT:	State & Federal Regulation
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REQUEST:

With reference to the “Colstrip Refund Non-Recurring Item Correction” discussed at pages 14 – 15 of Ms. Andrews’ rebuttal testimony, please respond to the following:

- a. Please provide a copy of the journal entries recording the Colstrip Settlement Refund.
- b. Based on the response to ICNU Data Request No. 180, it appears that a portion of the \$1.09 million refund was recorded subsequent to the test year ended September 30, 2014. Please identify the amount of Colstrip Settlement Refund on a Washington electric basis that is included in the test year ended September 30, 2014.
- c. If the amount of Colstrip Settlement Refund recorded during the test year ended September 30, 2014, is less than the \$1.09 million adjustment discussed in the testimony (per the response to (b), above), does the Company agree that the “Colstrip Refund Non-Recurring” adjustment presented in the electric cross-check study on Exhibit No. JSS-5, page 10 of 10, provided with Ms. Smith’s rebuttal testimony should be reduced to only remove the amount recorded during the historic test year? If no, please explain, in detail, why not.

RESPONSE:

- a. See PC_DR_087-Attachment A
- b. See PC_DR_087-Attachment A
- c. Yes. The Company inadvertently included the total \$1.09 million in its Pro Forma Cross Check Study Adjustment 4.06N “Colstrip Refund Non-Recurring” on rebuttal (as the Pro Forma Study is using a 09/2014 period ending test period. Only \$748,000 should have been included as additional production /transmission operating expenses in Adjustment 4.06N, increasing the A&G expenses included in Adjustment 4.05 “Reconcile Pro Forma to Attrition” by \$342,000, as the Attrition Study appropriately includes the \$1.09 million.

Colstrip Lawsuit Refund
 Purpose: Identify settlement credits posted against Colstrip O&M in 2014.
 Source: Oracle data download project expenditures

ORG	Project	Task	Expnd Type	Item Date	Quantity	UOM	Project Burdened Cost	Comment	Expnd Org
EDWA	41002100	506000	853 Joint Project Cost	5/31/2014	(749,031.00)	Currency	(749,031.00)	Colstrip legal Settlement	N06 - Joint Project- 001\143200\ZZ\ZZ\DL.4 Colstrip 69-MISC PS EXP 201405
EDAN	41002100	506000	853 Joint Project Cost	10/31/2014	(525,360.00)	Currency	(525,360.00)	PPL MT AEGIS MEDIATION	001\131110\ZZ\ZZ\DL.6 N06 - Joint Project- 05-CASH BOOK - 10012014 Colstrip - 10172014 - 1 201410
Credit to FERC expense accounts									
			506						
			WA	ID	WA	ID			
5/31/2014	EDWA	WA Direct	(749,031)		100%			Included in 12ME 09/2014 and 12/31/2014 Test Periods	
10/31/2014	EDAN	WA/ID Allocated	(342,482)	(182,878)	65.19%	34.81%	P/T Ratio	Included in 12ME 12/31/2014 Test Period	
			<u>(1,091,513)</u>						