

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

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REQUEST:

Did Avista consider limiting the AMI deployment to only electric meters or only gas meters? If yes, please provide such analysis. If no, explain why not.

RESPONSE:

The Company did not evaluate a natural gas or electric only implementation program in Washington, because the AMI program costs and benefits associated with natural gas and electric service are interdependent. For example, if the AMI system was electric only, meaning the natural gas meters would still have to be read by manual meter reading, it would diminish the overall benefit of the AMI program. At the same time, since the electric AMI system would require all of the communications and back office infrastructure, systems integration, and security systems, for example, required to support both natural gas and electric advanced metering, it would not be cost effective to read natural gas meters manually.