

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

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| CASE NO.: | UE-150204 & UG-150205 | WITNESS: | Patrick Ehrbar |
| REQUESTER: | The Energy Project | RESPONDER: | Pat Ehrbar |
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REQUEST:

In rebuttal testimony of Patrick Ehrbar on pages 9 and 10 Avista says the Company chooses a 7% increase to the total level of funding for LIRAP because this level was reasonable and similar to Staff's proposal.

Beginnings in 2016 assume there is a 7% increase in LIRAP funding each year. For each year until 25,550 grants are provided please produce a chart with the same format and beginning data for 2016 as staff used in exhibit (No. JMW-2 page 1).

RESPONSE:

Below is a chart showing the requested information. Please note that for my analysis, I excluded "Non-Direct Services" from the budget, as those dollars are not paid out in some form of a grant. Ms. Williams analysis which resulted in a ramp rate to 25,550 in 2024 assumed that that administration and program support dollars were paid out in grants. For my analysis below, I took the budget for 2016 as proposed on p. 9 of Exhibit No. ___ (PDE-8T), and escalated that value by 7%. I then excluded 20.7% for "Non-Direct Services". I then divided that amount ("Amount for Grants") by the 10-year average grant amount of \$363 from Ms. Williams analysis. The results show that 25,550 customers would be served between 2024 and 2025.

| Ramp Rate - Avista LIRAP Rate Plan | | | |
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| | (e) | | (f) |
| | Budget | Amount For Grants | Grants |
| 2016 | \$7,679,514 | \$6,089,855 | 16,787 |
| 2017 | \$8,154,514 | \$6,466,530 | 17,825 |
| 2018 | \$8,629,514 | \$6,843,205 | 18,864 |
| 2019 | \$9,104,514 | \$7,219,880 | 19,902 |
| 2020 | \$9,579,514 | \$7,596,555 | 20,941 |
| 2021 | \$10,054,514 | \$7,973,230 | 21,979 |
| 2022 | \$10,529,514 | \$8,349,905 | 23,017 |
| 2023 | \$11,004,514 | \$8,726,580 | 24,056 |
| 2024 | \$11,479,514 | \$9,103,255 | 25,094 |
| 2025 | \$11,954,514 | \$9,479,930 | 26,132 |