

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

JURISDICTION:	WASHINGTON	DATE PREPARED:	10/01/2015
CASE NO.:	UE-150204 & UG-150205	WITNESS:	Patrick 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).

REVISED RESPONSE:

Upon further review, the spreadsheet used to calculate the original ramp rate to 25,550 did not calculate correctly. The table immediately below does provide the corrected values, starting with the 2016 budget of \$7,679,514 as provided in EP-10, and escalates that value by 7% as requested. After excluding “Non-Direct Services”, the analysis shows that 25,550 customers would be served between 2022 and 2023.

Ramp Rate - Avista LIRAP Rate Plan			
	(e)		(f)
	Budget	Amount For Grants	Grants
2016	\$7,679,514	\$6,089,855	16,787
2017	\$8,217,080	\$6,516,144	17,962
2018	\$8,792,276	\$6,972,275	19,220
2019	\$9,407,735	\$7,460,334	20,565
2020	\$10,066,276	\$7,982,557	22,005
2021	\$10,770,916	\$8,541,336	23,545
2022	\$11,524,880	\$9,139,230	25,193
2023	\$12,331,621	\$9,778,976	26,957
2024	\$13,194,835	\$10,463,504	28,843
2025	\$14,118,473	\$11,195,949	30,863

ORIGINAL 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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	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