## BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,
v.

AVISTA CORPORATION, $\mathrm{d} / \mathrm{b} / \mathrm{a}$ AVISTA UTILITES,

DOCKETS UE-170485 and
UG-170486 (Consolidated)

COMMENTS OF THE ENERGY PROJECT REGARDING AVISTA'S RESPONSE TO BENCH REQUEST NO. 1

Respondent.

The Energy Project files these comments pursuant to the Commission's Notice of Opportunity To Respond, dated January 2, 2018, in this docket.

The Energy Project has not filed revenue requirement testimony in this docket and will not address the specific accounting and tax implications of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA). ${ }^{1}$ Other parties with accounting analysts and experts will certainly be addressing those issues. The Energy Project's purpose in filing these comments is to urge the Commission to take all necessary and appropriate actions to ensure that the benefits of the utility tax reductions are provided expeditiously and fully to Avista ratepayers. ${ }^{2}$ The Energy Project further recommends that the Commission adopt procedures that further these outcomes for customers, as discussed in more detail below.

The Energy Project commends the Commission for acting promptly, within days after the passage of the TCJA, to determine the impact of the tax cuts by issuing Bench Request No. 1. This is consistent with the approach of regulators in many parts of country. ${ }^{3}$ Ensuring that the

[^0]tax cuts are captured and promptly passed on will provide a substantial and meaningful benefit to Avista's residential customers, including the substantial percentage of customers who are low income.

A number of utilities in other states have acted swiftly to pass on the tax cuts to their customers, even when the company is not involved in pending rate proceedings. For example, Arizona Public Service Company filed January 8 to return $\$ 119$ million to customers ( $\$ 4.68$ per month for an average customer), effective February 1, 2018, based on the reduction in the marginal statutory rate from 35 percent to 21 percent. ${ }^{4}$ The Illinois Commerce Commission granted a petition by Commonwealth Edison to pass through over $\$ 200$ million in estimated tax savings effective for billings in February 2018. ${ }^{5}$ On January 5, 2018, Baltimore Gas \&Electric (BG\&E) filed to reduce its distribution rates approximately $\$ 82$ million, effective February 1, 2018. The BG\&E filing incorporates the effect of the excess deferred income tax liability (changes to ADIT balances). In the Eversource Energy rate case in Massachusetts, where new rates for a five-year rate plan are set to take effect in February 2018, the Massachusetts Attorney General has filed a motion to reopen the record and implement specific rate adjustments which would have the effect of a net reduction in Eversource rates. ${ }^{6}$

[^1]The Energy Project supports the Commission allowing the time needed to determine the impact of the TCJA on Avista's rate request prior to issuing a final order in this docket. Federal tax obligations are a standard input to the revenue requirement determination in a rate case. In that regard, this case is no different than any other rate case, except for the timing issue. Here, the Company, the parties, the Commission, and Avista customers have become aware of a major known and measurable change to the federal tax input relatively late in the proceeding, with four months remaining before the suspension date. Fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient rates cannot be set without taking the new tax levels into account. The Energy Project agrees with Avista that the tax benefit should be passed through to customers at the same time as any rate changes that take effect from this docket to avoid multiple changes up and down. ${ }^{7}$ procedurally deal with the new information. A challenge is posed by Avista's Response to Bench Request No. 1, which states that Avista believes it will not be able to complete its analysis and provide an estimated impact on the revenue requirement impact until March 30, 2018. ${ }^{8}$ This date falls over one month after the date for final briefs in the case, and just a little over three weeks before the statutory suspension deadline. Based on the initial estimates of the rate impact, it appears the Avista March 30 filing will likely significantly change the complexion of its revenue requirement. It would be appropriate for the Commission to allow a reasonable time for analysis and for party responses to the new Avista revenue requirement filing. Under Avista's proposal, this would have to be accomplished in substantially less than 26 days, given that sufficient time would also have to be allowed for Commission review of the new Avista filing, any party responses, and final order preparation. This may not be workable from a practical standpoint, and may also pose fairness problems for parties. It is important to The Energy

[^2]Project that parties with accounting experts be provided adequate time to review and respond to Avista's new revenue requirement filing, to ensure the best possible record for a Commission decision in this case.

From statements by Avista at the end of the evidentiary hearing on January 17, however, it appears the Avista may have specific information about the effects of the tax law changes by late February. If that is the case, it would be reasonable for the Commission to require Avista to revise its rate filing at that time. If the Commission were to require that Avista's revised revenue requirement be filed by the end of February, that would allow approximately 60 days prior to the suspension date for party review and response, and for Commission final determination. In the event that Avista is not able or willing to file before March 30, it would not be unreasonable for the Commission to request that Avista agree to an extension of the suspension date for its filing to allow for a fair and sufficient review process by Staff, Public Counsel and the other intervenors.

Because the current post-hearing briefing date is February 22, The Energy Project also respectfully requests that parties be allowed an opportunity to file supplemental briefs addressing the new Avista revenue requirement filing, as part of any additional process established by the Commission.

Respectfully submitted this $26^{\text {th }}$ day of January, 2018.

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The Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities ("ICNU") and the Northwest Industrial Customers ("NWIGU"), collectively the "Joint Parties," appreciate this opportunity to respond to Bench Request 1 in the above-captioned matter. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act ("TCJA"), HR 1 of the $115^{\text {th }}$ Congress, was signed into law on December 22, 2017. The TCJA became effective on January 1, 2018, and provides benefits to Avista Corporation ("Avista or Company") and its ratepayers.

Among other things, the TCJA resulted in a reduction to the Federal corporate income tax rate from $35 \%$ to $21 \%$. The Joint Parties respectfully request that the Commission act without delay to incorporate the impact of that, and other changes resulting from the TCJA, into the base rates for both the gas and electric services at issue in this proceeding. The Joint Parties look forward to the hearing on this matter, at a date to be determined by the Commission.

## RESPONSE

## I. Introduction

The Joint Parties' response to Bench Request 1 is based upon the analysis performed by Mr. Bradley G. Mullins, who has reviewed the TCJA and its impact upon Avista’s
rates at issue in this proceeding. ${ }^{1 /}$ Based upon Mr. Mullins' analysis, the Joint Parties represent to the Commission that the impact of the TCJA will reduce Avista's revenue requirement for its electric and gas utilities by $\$ 32,594,466$ and $\$ 5,489,628$, respectively, shown in Table 1, below. Mr. Mullins' revenue requirement calculations, spreadsheets and workpapers are provided with this Response and identified as part of and relevant to the various subparts of Bench Request 1.

Table 1
Revenue Requirement Impacts of Implementing the
TCJA on Avista's Revenue Requirement
Revenue Deficiency / (Sufficiency) (\$000)

|  | Electric | Gas |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mullins Response Testimony (Traditional) | 193 | (530) |
| Impact of TCJA Restating Adjustments |  |  |
| TCJA-1: Restate Income Tax Expense | $(26,263)$ | $(4,213)$ |
| TCJA-2: Restate EDFIT | $(6,297)$ | $(1,370)$ |
| TCJA-3: TCJA Deferral (1/1/18-4/30/18)* | - | - |
| TCJA-4: Conversion Factor | (35) | 94 |
| Total TCJA Adjustments | $(32,594)$ | $(5,490)$ |
| Updated For TCJA | $(32,401)$ | $(6,020)$ |
| * Propose to delay amortization until rate effective date of next rate case |  |  |

In hearings held in this matter on January 16, 2018 and January 17, 2018, the Commission requested parties to address, in response to Bench Request 1, the process by which the impacts of the TCJA would be incorporated into Avista's rates. For the reasons expressed in this response, the Joint Parties request the Commission incorporate the known impacts of the TCJA into the revenue requirement results used to establish base rates in this docket.
// Mr. Mullins appeared on behalf of the Joint Parties in this proceeding and presented testimony on Avista’s revenue requirement for both the electric and gas utilities, among other issues.

## II. TCJA Benefits Should Be Incorporated into Rates in This Docket

 As a general matter, the Joint Parties believe that the base rate reduction associated with the TCJA should occur in a manner that is as expedient as possible for all utilities. There should be no disagreement that an expedient decision by the Commission to pass back to consumers one hundred percent of the tax benefits associated with the TCJA would serve the public interest.Turning to the evidence presented in this docket, it is a known fact and a matter of record that the TCJA has significantly reduced the corporate taxes to be paid by Avista during the rate year and beyond, and for the period beginning January 1, 2018 and ending upon issuance of the Commission's final order in this docket. The Commission has also been informed that the monetary impact of Avista's reduced tax rates is significant and can be effectively measured. It is also a matter of record that the Company intends to pass the benefits associated with the reduced tax rates to its ratepayers. $\underline{ }^{2}$

The Joint Parties believe that the existing record, supplemented by this response and those submitted by the parties to this case, provides the Commission the evidence necessary to incorporate the TCJA's demonstrated tax benefits into the rates set in this docket.

Should the Commission determine that the record is insufficient to support all of the TCJA's many rate impacts, the Joint Parties recommend that the Commission include the TCJA's known tax benefits into rates, subject to refund. Under this scenario, the rates set and subject to refund could be trued up at the end of a specified period determined by the Commission as sufficient to ascertain all rate benefits resulting from the TCJA. To this end, the

2/ $\quad$ Avista Response to BR 1, dated January 12, 2018.

Commission could consolidate Avista's current deferred accounting docket related to the TCJA with this docket, using the deferred accounting dockets as the procedural vehicle for preserving the TCJA's benefits for later incorporation into rates. ${ }^{\text {3/ }}$ Accordingly, the Joint Parties do not recommend additional process at this time for the purpose of ascertaining the impacts of the TCJA, beyond that already in place.

Further, any delay in reducing Avista's base rates will result in the accrual of larger deferred accounts, which may cause rate instability over time. For example, rates might decline in the period that the deferral account is being amortized, only to increase again once the amortization has been completed. Said another way, as the deferrals grow larger, the risk of rate instability grows commensurately. For this reason, the Joint Parties recommend that the base rate reductions associated with the TCJA be implemented in this docket. Nothing should preclude the Commission from acting on the record evidence demonstrating that Avista's existing rates will grossly overcompensate the Company during the rate year, unless the Commission take corrective action.

In fact, the Joint Parties believe that it would be inconsistent with the normalization requirements in IRC § 168(i)(9) for the Commission to approve cost of service rates that do not take into consideration the changes resulting from the TCJA. The tax law has changed, and the Commission should guard against approving rates that are inconsistent with the requirements of the law.

The Joint Parties have also reviewed Avista’s response to Bench Request 1 and strongly disagree that the TCJA's revenue impacts are too complicated to be implemented in

3/ See Dockets UE-171221 and UG-171222
rates at this time. In fact, the determination of taxable income did not materially change as a result of the TCJA, and for that reason it is relatively straightforward to consider the TCJA's impacts on revenue requirement. Further, incorporating the impacts through a rider, as Avista proposes, is unnecessary and will only make the implementation of the TCJA more complicated. While riders may be necessary for those utilities that are not currently in rate cases, it is more appropriate to incorporate the impacts into base rates in this matter, since those rates are currently open for Avista.

## III. The Commission Should Account for the Reduction in Avista's Tax Rates from January 1, 2018 through April 30, 2018 and Pass the Benefits Through to Ratepayers

 For the rates charged over the period January 1, 2018 through April 30, 2018, the Joint Parties recommend that the Commission's final order in this matter require the creation of a deferred account to house the excess Federal income taxes that Avista is collecting in current rates. The deferred account need not be incorporated into revenue requirement results in this matter. However, the deferral should remain on the Company's books-subject to carrying charges but no amortization-until the effective date of Avista’s next rate proceeding. Under such an approach, Avista would be required to submit an amortization proposal for the deferral at the time of its next general rate case. Once again, no additional process is necessary to implement such a deferral.
## IV. Responses to Questions in Bench Request 01

Accompanying this response are three attachments. Attachment Bench Request 01-1 provides revenue requirement calculations for electric services updated for the TCJA.

Attachment Bench Request 01-2 provides revenue requirement calculations for gas services
updated for the TCJA. These attachments are based on the revenue requirement calculations admitted as Exhibits BGM-3 and BGM-4, respectively. Finally, in Attachment Bench Request 01-3, the Joint Parties have supplied the currently approved depreciation rates, which are relevant in calculating Excess Deferred Federal Income Tax ("EDFIT") amortization. The Joint Parties’ witness Bradley Mullins will be available to answer any questions related to these attachments should the Commission require further process. Further information regarding these calculations items will also be discussed below in response to the specific questions identified in Bench Request 1.

## A. Accumulated Deferred Federal Income Tax (ADFIT) balance as of December 31, 2017.

The Joint Parties are not in possession of the requested information. For purposes of calculating the revenue requirement impacts associated with excess deferred income taxes identified in Table 1, above, the Joint Parties relied on the ADFIT reserve balances, calculated on an average-of-monthly-averages basis over the 2016 test year. The ADFIT reserve balance for Avista is expected to be greater on December 31, 2017 than it was in the test period. ${ }^{4 /}$ Since a larger reserve would equate to greater amortization of EDFIT, use of the December 31, 2017 reserve balance would result in further reductions to revenue requirement, in comparison to the impacts detailed in Table 1, above.

The Company was in possession of this financial information at the time it responded to the Bench Request but did not provide the information in its response on January 12, 2018. That is concerning to the Joint Parties, since that information is necessary to support

[^3]further reductions of revenue requirement. Notwithstanding, the Joint Parties are not opposed to using the test period reserve balances, rather than the December 31, 2017 reserve balances, for the purpose of calculating EDFIT impacts. Because the amortization period for EDFIT is relatively long, the incremental revenue requirement impact of using the December 31, 2017 reserve balance, versus the test period reserve balance, is expected to be small.

## B. The amount of excess deferred income tax reserve as described in IRC Sec 168(i)(9)(A)(ii) as of December 31, 2017, to comply with the TCJA.

For electric services, calculation of EDFIT reserve balances, and EDFIT amortization for the test period may be found in Attachment Bench Request 01-1, Page 17 (Tab 6a). For gas services, the calculation may be found in Attachment Bench Request 01-2, Page 14 (Tab 6a). The workpapers begin with the ADFIT reserve balances restated on an AMA basis over the test period. The source data behind the restated balances has also been provided on the following pages of the respective attachments (Tab 6b). The ADFIT amounts have been itemized by each "book-tax differences" included in ADFIT in Avista’s filing, with amounts related to depreciation detailed by functional plant. Based on this detail, it's clear that Avista has a relatively narrow scope of book tax differences that it includes in ADFIT.

To calculate the EDFIT reserve balance associated with the tax rate change, one must divide the test period reserve balances by the old, $35 \%$ tax rate to arrive at the cumulative amount of book tax differences in the test period. The cumulative book-tax differences are then revalued at the new, $21 \%$ tax rate. The difference between ADFIT reserves valued at the 35\% and ADFIT reserves valued at the $21 \%$ rate represents the EDFIT reserve balance.

Based on the calculations identified in the respective attachments, the Joint Parties have calculated EDFIT reserve balances of $\$ 142,051,361$ for gas services and $\$ 30,713,275$ for
electric services. In rate base, the Joint Parties have reclassified the EDFIT reserves from ADFIT, detailing the EDFIT reserve balance in a separate line item in the revenue requirement table.

In contrast to Avista, the Joint Parties do not consider the normalization provisions in the TCJA surrounding EDFIT as complications, but rather a way of simplifying the ratemaking treatment of the tax change for public utilities. EDFIT effectively represents a financial gain to the utility, and absent the TCJA provisions surrounding EDFIT, a utility might have claimed that it was entitled to retain those benefits. Or, perhaps ratepayers might have claimed that they should receive those gains through a single lump-sum payment. From that perspective, however, the TCJA actually simplifies the ratemaking treatment surrounding the tax changes by prescribing the specific methods that must be used by regulators to account for the EDFIT benefits, avoiding controversy over the way that those amounts get retuned to ratepayers. Under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, the general rule is that when a change in the tax rate is enacted into law, the effects of the change must be reported in the period that includes the "enactment date." ${ }^{5 / /}$ The normalization requirements for EDFIT in IRC § 168(i)(9), however, provide an exception to that general rule for public utilities.

For business enterprises other than a public utility, the change in tax rate will result material balance sheet impacts. For a non-utility business enterprise, deferred tax liabilities—funds that the entity is effectively holding in reserve to pay for future taxes—are revalued at the new tax rate. If the tax rate falls, the liability balance declines resulting in the

5/ See Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB"), Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. ("SFAS") 109, Accounting for Income Taxes $\mathbf{9}$ 27; See also FASB Accounting Standards Codification ("ACS") 740-25-47.
recognition of a gain, similar to the gain that occurs when the principal balance of a loan is forgiven. For non-utilities, this gain flows through the income statement in the current period, in one lump sum.

For public utilities, however, the treatment is different. Under normalization requirements IRC § 168(i)(9), the balance sheet gains associated with the change in tax rate, referred to as EDFIT, must remain on the public utility's balance sheet, and instead of amortizing the gains in one lump sum, the gains are amortized to the income statement over an extended period of time. A few methods are available to amortize the gains, but the amortization period is generally intended to correspond to the period over which the underlying book-tax differences are expected to reverse. Accordingly, the Joint Parties view it as being relatively straightforward to incorporate the impacts of EDFIT into rates in this matter.

## C. The amount of excess deferred income tax expense the Company is currently collecting as of January 1, 2018, until the anticipated effective date of this general rate case.

The Joint Parties have calculated that the Company will over-collect income tax expense, including a provision for EDFIT, by $\$ 7,140,214$ for electric services and $\$ 652,948$ for gas services. Calculations underlying these amounts have been provided at Attachment Bench Request 01-1, Pages 19-20, for electric services and Attachment Bench Request 01-2, Pages 1617, for gas services. As noted above, the Joint Parties request that these tax benefits remain on the Company's books as a deferral until the Company files its next general rate case, the rate effective date of which will commence amortization of the deferral.

## D. A proposed amortization schedule for parts $B$ and $C$ of this bench request along with a supporting rationale for each schedule. Please identify and describe the amortization assumption, e.g., composite, average rate, or other alternative method.

Under IRC § 168(i)(9) two general methods are described to account for EDFIT:

1) the average rate assumption method and 2) the alternative method. The general rule is that a utility may not "reduce[] the excess tax reserve more rapidly or to a greater extent than such reserve would be reduced under the average rate assumption method," and thus the average rate assumption method generally must be used. As an exception to the general rule, however, a utility may use the alternative method, if it does not track ADFIT by asset vintage. Since, as a practical matter, most utilities do not calculate the ADFIT reserves by asset vintage, most will likely resort to using some form the alternative method.

Under the alternative method, EDFIT amortization may occur using composite depreciation rates, which is the method used by the Joint Parties in deriving the impacts detailed in Table 1, above. For electric services, see Attachment Bench Request 01-1, Page 17 (Tab 6a). For gas services, see Attachment Bench Request 01-2, Page 14 (Tab 6a). In addition, the composite depreciation rates relied upon in performing the calculation have also been attached as Attachment Bench Request 01-3.

As described in the attachments, the amortization associated with the EDFIT balances identified in response to Sub-request C of this response is $\$ 4,890,642$ for electric services and $\$ 1,066,222$ for gas services. That amortization is stated post-tax, and thus, the pretax revenue requirement impacts of that amortization must further grossed up for taxes, at the new $21 \%$ rate.

## E. For the current proceeding, provide an updated revenue requirement based on the Company's rebuttal position that accounts for the anticipated impacts of the TCJA.

Please see Attachment Bench Request 01-1 for updated revenue requirements calculated for electric services and Attachment Bench Request 01-2 for updated revenue requirements calculated for gas services. These have been prepared based on the revenue requirements identified in the Response Testimony of Mr. Mullins.

The TCJA results in two principal adjustments of the revenue requirement model.
First, the income tax expense included in results must be restated at the new tax rate. Second, the gains associated with EDFIT must be applied as a restating adjustment as discussed in response to sub-request D of this bench request. The Joint Parties refer to these restating adjustments as TCJA-1 and TCJA-2, respectively.

Two other adjustments, however, have also been identified in the referenced attachments. The attachments include Adjustment TCJA-3, which is a placeholder for the amounts deferred over the period January 1, 2018 through April 30, 2018, in case the Commission decides to incorporate those impacts into rates in this matter. The attachment also includes TCJA-4, which separately documents the impact of updating the revenue conversion factor. The impacts of the new revenue conversation factor, however, could also be applied separately to each restating and pro-forma adjustment included in results, rather than as a discrete adjustment.

## TCJA-1: TCJA Restating Adjustment

The impact of restating income tax expense at the new $21 \%$ tax rate can be determined using one of at least two methods: the tax provision method or the gross-up method.

Both are relatively straightforward. Although performing the calculation using the utility's tax provision is, from the perspective of the Joint Parties, a more accurate methodology.

Under the tax provision approach the restating impact of the TCJA tax rate on income tax expense is determined by simply recalculating the tax provision (both current and deferred taxes) based on the new, $21 \%$ tax rate. Current tax expense is re-calculated by multiplying net taxable income for the test period by the $21 \%$ tax rate, rather than the $35 \%$ tax rate previously included in results. Deferred tax expense is also recalculated by multiplying the book-tax differences in the test period by the $21 \%$ tax rate, rather than the $35 \%$ tax rate that is currently being used to calculate deferred income tax expense in results.

This simple tax provision calculation has been detailed on Attachment Bench Request 01-1, Page 12 (Tab 5a), for electric services and Attachment Bench Request 1-2, Page 11, for gas services. For electric services, the tax provision method produces a reduction to income tax expense in the amount of $\$ 19,771,262$, and a corresponding reduction to revenue requirement in the amount of $\$ 26,262,760$. For gas services, the tax provision method produces a reduction to income tax expense in the amount of $\$ 3,178,212$, and a corresponding reduction to revenue requirement in the amount of $\$ 4,213,330$. These impacts also include the effects on all of the other restating and pro forma adjustments. This is the most accurate, and preferred, methodology for determining the impact of restating the tax rate on revenue requirement.

The gross-up method is a higher-level approach that is appropriate to be used if the tax provision data is unavailable. Under this approach the impact of the tax rate change may be estimated based on the utility's level of rate base and cost of capital. Under this method the
"pre-tax" return on equity is used to determine the portion of revenues dedicated to paying federal income taxes, as show in the following formula:

RB * ROE / (1-T) * E\% = Revenues for Taxes
Where: RB = Rate Base; ROE = Return on Equity;
$\mathrm{T}=$ Marginal Tax Rate, and; E\% = Equity \%.

The above calculation is based on the old $35 \%$ tax rate, and then again based on the new $21 \%$ tax rate, to estimate the revenue requirement savings associated with the lower rate. This method is less precise that the provision method, since it does not account for the specific permanent and temporary book-tax differences in the test period.

A form of the gross-up calculation has been detailed in Attachment Bench Request 01-1, Page 19 (Tab 7a), for electric services and Attachment Bench Request 01-2, Page 16 (Tab 7a), for gas services. While the Joint Parties recommend against using the gross-up method for calculating base rates in this matter, the Joint Parties are supportive of using the gross-up method for the purposes of calculating the deferral associated with excess taxes collected in current rates over the period January 1, 2018 through April 30, 2018. Accordingly, the calculations referenced above were performed based on the current rate levels, as approved in Dockets UE-150204 and UG-1520205 (Consolidated). These calculations suggest that Avista’s current rates are resulting in annual overcollection of income tax expenses by approximately $\$ 16,530,000$ for electric services and $\$ 3,025,062$ for gas services, on a pre-tax (i.e., revenue requirement) basis. Those amounts do not include the effects of EDFIT, which must be calculated separately.

## TCJA-2: Excess Deferred Federal Income Taxes

The second restating adjustment to implement the TCJA is to incorporate EDFIT into the revenue requirement calculation. This restating adjustment is accomplished, first, by reclassifying the EDFIT balance out of ADFIT and assigning it a separate line in the revenue requirement table. The balance is then subjected to amortization through net operating income based on the amounts detailed in response to sub-request D , above. To account for the amortization, the EDFIT rate base balance is then further reduced by one-half of the amortization amount.

The revenue requirement impacts of this amortization are an increase to net operating income in the amount of $\$ 6,296,882$ for electric services and $\$ 1,370,074$ for gas services. Note that the amortization of EDFIT represents a post-tax gain, since the Company is not required to pay any income taxes on the EDFIT gain amortization. This means that the amortization amount must be grossed-up-by dividing by one minus the new $21 \%$ tax rate-in order to be stated on a pre-tax revenue requirement basis.

## TCJA-3: TCJA Deferral (Jan 2018 - Apr 2018)

As noted above, this adjustment has been included as a placeholder, in case the Commission desires to incorporate the deferral impact into base rates in this matter. If the Commission desires to incorporate those impacts, calculations of deferred amounts, along with amortization proposals, have been detailed in the attachments to this Bench Request.

Attachment Bench Request 1-1, Pages 19-20 (Tabs 7a, 7b), detail these calculations for electric services. Attachment Bench Request 1-1, Pages 16-17 (Tabs 7a, 7b), detail these calculations for gas services.

## TCJA-4: Revenue Requirement Gross-up

As a final adjustment, the Joint Parties have separately detailed the impact of applying the new tax rate in the conversion factor used for the purpose of calculating revenue sufficiency or deficiency. Similar to the way cost of capital changes are often presented in revenue requirement results, the change to the conversion factor to account for the TCJA does not necessarily need to be stated as a separate restating adjustment, although the Joint Parties have detailed the relatively minor impact separately.

## F. In the event that all impacts of the TCJA are not fully known to the Company by the due date set forth in this bench request, a projected date by which the Company intends to file an accounting petition to address the impacts.

The Joint Parties believe that all of the material impacts associated TCJA are known, and that it is appropriate to incorporate all known impacts into revenue requirement.

## G. Supporting workpapers in electronic format with all formulas and links intact. See WAC 480-07-510(3)(e).

Please see Attachment Bench Request 01-1 for updated revenue requirement calculated for electric services and Attachment Bench Request 01-2 for updated revenue requirement calculated for gas services.

## V. Conclusion

The Joint Parties again thank the Commission for the opportunity to respond to Bench Request 1. As the Commission can conclude, the Joint Parties’ response provides its conclusions and calculations relative to the TCJA's impact on Avista's rates, along with the recommendation that the Commission incorporate the benefits of the TCJA into Avista's rates
when setting rates in this docket. The Joint Parties believe that its conclusions and supporting calculations provide evidence sufficient to support this recommendation.

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ELECTRIC GAS TRADITIONAL REVENUE REQUIREMENT CALCULATIONS (UPDATED FOR THE TAX CUTS AND JOBS ACT)

Electric Revenue Requirement Summary (\$000)

| Line | Adj. <br> No. | Description |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 1.00 | Per Book Results (Y/E Dec. 2016) |
| Restating Adjustments: |  |  |
| 2 | 1.01 | Deferred FIT Rate Base |
| 3 | 1.02 | Deferred Debits and Credits |
| 4 | 1.03 | Working Capital |
| 5 | 2.01 | Eliminate B \& O Taxes |
| 6 | 2.02 | Restate Property Tax |
| 7 | 2.03 | Uncollect. Expense |
| 8 | 2.04 | Regulatory Expense |
| 9 | 2.05 | Injuries and Damages |
| 10 | 2.06 | FIT/DFIT/ ITC Expense |
| 11 | 2.07 | Office Space Charges to Non-Utility |
| 12 | 2.08 | Restate Excise Taxes |
| 13 | 2.09 | Net Gains / Losses |
| 14 | 2.10 | Weather Normalization |
| 15 | 2.11 | Eliminate Adder Schedules |
| 16 | 2.12 | Misc. Restating Non-Util / Non- Recurring Expenses |
| 17 | 2.13 | Eliminate WA Power Cost Defer |
| 18 | 2.14 | Nez Perce Settlement Adjustment |
| 19 | 2.15 | Restating Incentives |
| 20 | 2.16 | Normalize CS2/Colstrip Major Maint |
| 21 | 2.17 | Restate Debt Interest |
| 22 | 2.18 | Authorized Power Supply |
| 23 |  | Restated Results |

Pro Forma Adjustments

| 24 | 3.01 | Pro Forma Trans/Power Sup Non-ERM Rev/Exp |
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| 25 | 3.02 | Pro Forma Labor Non-Exec |
| 26 | 3.03 | Pro Forma Labor Exec |
| 27 | 3.04 | Pro Forma Employee Benefits |
| 28 | 3.05 | Pro Forma Incentive Expenses |
| 29 | 3.06 | Pro Forma Property Tax |
| 30 | 3.07 | Pro Forma IS/IT Expense |
| 31 | 3.08 | Pro Forma Revenue Normalization |
| 32 | 3.09 | Pro Forma Def. Debits, Credits \& Regulatory Amorts |
| 33 | 3.10 | Pro Forma 2017 Threshold Capital Adds |
| 34 | 3.11 | Pro Forma O\&M Offsets |
| 35 | 3.12 | Pro Forma Director Fees Exp |
| 36 | 3.13 | PF Normalize CS2/Colstrip Major Maint |
| 37 | 3.14 | Pro Forma Underground Equip Inspection |
| 38 | 4.00 | Pro Forma Power Supply \& Transm Revs |
|  |  |  |
| 39 |  | Pro Forma Results (Traditional Rev. Req.) |

Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Adjustments

| 40 | TCJA-1 | Restate Tax Expense in Results |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 41 | TCJA-2 | Excess Deferred Taxes |
| 42 | TCJA-3 | TCJA Deferral (Jan - Apr 2018) |
| 43 | TCJA-4 | Updated Conversion Factor |

43 TCJA-4 Updated Conversion Factor
TCJA-1 Restate Tax Expense in Results

| Company Filing (Rev. Req. at ICNU ROR) |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |


| 8 | 806 | 79 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (8) | - | 13 |
| (30) | $(3,006)$ | (295) |
| (96) | - | 154 |
| 163 | - | (262) |
| (859) | - | 1,386 |
| (5) | - | 7 |
| (98) | - | 158 |
| (69) | - | 111 |
| 20 | - | (33) |
| 40 | - | (65) |
| 61 | - | (99) |
| 825 | - | $(1,332)$ |
| - | - | - |
| (969) | - | 1,565 |
| 4,386 | - | $(7,081)$ |
| 3 | - | (4) |
| 407 | - | (657) |
| 763 | - | $(1,232)$ |
| 759 | - | $(1,225)$ |
| $(7,696)$ | - | 12,425 |
| 108,163 | 1,442,726 | $(9,715)$ |


| (66) | - | 106 | (66) | - | 106 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $(1,862)$ | - | 3,005 | $(1,167)$ | - | 1,884 |
| 21 | - | (35) | 21 | - | (35) |
| 234 | - | (378) | 234 | - | (378) |
| (77) | - | 125 | (77) | - | 125 |
| $(1,598)$ | - | 2,579 | $(1,598)$ | - | 2,579 |
| (451) | - | 728 | (451) | - | 728 |
| $(3,286)$ | - | 5,305 | $(3,286)$ | - | 5,305 |
| 1,013 | $(5,346)$ | $(2,246)$ | 1,013 | $(5,346)$ | $(2,246)$ |
| $(1,743)$ | 34,911 | 6,804 | 269 | 5,565 | 202 |
| 642 | - | $(1,036)$ | 642 | - | $(1,036)$ |
| (244) | - | 394 | - | - | - |
| (226) | - | 364 | (226) | - | 364 |
| (346) | - | 558 | (346) | - | 558 |
| $(10,288)$ | - | 16,609 | - | - | - |
| 89,888 | 1,472,291 | 23,168 | 102,041 | 1,442,945 | 193 |


| - | - | - |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |


| 102,041 |  | $1,442,945$ |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |  |
| 19,771 | - | $(26,263)$ |  |
| 4,914 | 2,445 | $(6,297)$ |  |
| - | - | - |  |
| - | - | $(35)$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| 126,726 | $1,445,391$ | $(32,401)$ |  |

ICNU Proposed

| Net Oper. Income | Rate Base | Rev. Req. Def. / (Suf.) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \$110,557 | 1,444,926 | $(13,329)$ |


| 8 | 806 | 79 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $(8)$ | - | 13 |
| $(30)$ | $(3,006)$ | $(295)$ |
| $(96)$ | - | 154 |
| 163 | - | $(262)$ |
| $(859)$ | - | 1,386 |
| $(5)$ | - | 7 |
| $98)$ | - | 158 |
| $(69)$ | - | 111 |
| 20 | - | $(33)$ |
| 40 | - | $(65)$ |
| 61 | - | $(99)$ |
| 825 | - | $(1,332)$ |
| - | - | - |
| $(969)$ | - | 1,565 |
| 4,386 | - | $(7,081)$ |
| 3 | - | $(4)$ |
| 407 | - | $(657)$ |
| 763 | - | $(1,232)$ |
| $(326)$ | - | 526 |
| $(7,696)$ | 12,425 |  |
| $\mathbf{1 0 7 , 0 7 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 4 4 2 , 7 2 6}$ | $(7,964)$ |

## Electric Revenue Requirement Summary (\$000)

| Line | Adj. <br> No. |
| :--- | :--- |


| Impact of ICNU Adjustments |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Pre-Tax |  |  | Rev. Req. |  |
| Net Oper. | Net Oper. |  | Def. / |  |
| Income | Income | Rate Base | (Suf.) |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |


| Restating | Adjustments: |  |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
| 2 | 1.01 | Deferred FIT Rate Base |
| 3 | 1.02 | Deferred Debits and Credits |
| 4 | 1.03 | Working Capital |
| 5 | 2.01 | Eliminate B \& O Taxes |
| 6 | 2.02 | Restate Property Tax |
| 7 | 2.03 | Uncollect. Expense |
| 8 | 2.04 | Regulatory Expense |
| 9 | 2.05 | Injuries and Damages |
| 10 | 2.06 | FIT/DFIT/ ITC Expense |
| 11 | 2.07 | Office Space Charges to Non-Utility |
| 12 | 2.08 | Restate Excise Taxes |
| 13 | 2.09 | Net Gains / Losses |
| 14 | 2.10 | Weather Normalization |
| 15 | 2.11 | Eliminate Adder Schedules |
| 16 | 2.12 | Misc. Restating Non-Util / Non- Recurring Expenses |
| 17 | 2.13 | Eliminate WA Power Cost Defer |
| 18 | 2.14 | Nez Perce Settlement Adjustment |
| 19 | 2.15 | Restating Incentives |
| 20 | 2.16 | Normalize CS2/Colstrip Major Maint |
| 21 | 2.17 | Restate Debt Interest |
| 22 | 2.18 | Authorized Power Supply |
|  |  |  |
| 23 |  | Restated Results |

Pro Forma Adjustments

| Pro Forma Adjustments |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 24 | 3.01 | Pro Forma Trans/Power Sup Non-ERM Rev/Exp |
| 25 | 3.02 | Pro Forma Labor Non-Exec |
| 26 | 3.03 | Pro Forma Labor Exec |
| 27 | 3.04 | Pro Forma Employee Benefits |
| 28 | 3.05 | Pro Forma Incentive Expenses |
| 29 | 3.06 | Pro Forma Property Tax |
| 30 | 3.07 | Pro Forma IS/IT Expense |
| 31 | 3.08 | Pro Forma Revenue Normalization |
| 32 | 3.09 | Pro Forma Def. Debits, Credits \& Regulatory Amorts |
| 33 | 3.10 | Pro Forma 2017 Threshhold Capital Adds |
| 34 | 3.11 | Pro Forma O\&M Offsets |
| 35 | 3.12 | Pro Forma Director Fees Exp |
| 36 | 3.13 | PF Normalize CS2/Colstrip Major Maint |
| 37 | 3.14 | Pro Forma Underground Equip Inspection |
| 38 | 4.00 | Pro Forma Power Supply \& Transm Revs |
|  |  |  |
| 39 |  | Pro Forma Results (Traditional Rev. Req.) |


| - | - | - | - | Neutral |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1,068 | 694 | - | $(1,121)$ | Oppose |
| - | - | - | - | Neutral |
| - | - | - | - | Neutral |
| - | - | - | - | Neutral |
| - | - | - | - | Neutral |
| - | - | - | - | Neutral |
| - | - | - | - | Neutral |
| - | - | - | - | Neutral |
| 3,095 | 2,012 | $(29,346)$ | $(6,602)$ | Oppose |
| - | - | - | - | Neutral |
| 375 | 244 | - | $(394)$ | Oppose |
| - | - | - | - | Neutral |
| - | - | - | Neutral |  |
| 15,827 | 10,288 |  | $(16,609)$ | Oppose |
|  | $\mathbf{1 2 , 1 5 3}$ | $\mathbf{( 2 9 , 3 4 6 )}$ | $\mathbf{( 2 2 , 9 7 4 )}$ |  |

Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Adjustments

| 40 | TCJA-1 | Restate Tax Expense in Results | - | 19,771 | - | $(26,263)$ | New |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 41 | TCJA-2 | Excess Deferred Taxes | - | 4,914 | 2,445 | (6,296.882) | New |
| 42 | TCJA-3 | TCJA Deferral (Jan - Apr 2018) | - | - | - | - | New |
| 43 | TCJA-4 | Updated Conversion Factor | - | - | - | (35) | New |
| 44 |  | TCJA Pro Forma Results | 20,365 | 36,838 | $(26,900)$ | $(62,547)$ |  |

## CALCULATION OF TRADITIONAL PRO FORMA STUDY REVENUE REQUIREMENT WASHINGTON ELECTRIC TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016



| TRADITIONAL PRO FORMA COST OF CAPITAL WASHINGTON ELECTRIC |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Capital Structure |  |  |  |
| Component | Capital Structure | Cost | Weighted Cost |
| Total Debt | 51.6\% | 5.19\% | 2.68\% |
| Common | 48.4\% | 9.10\% | 4.40\% |
| Total | $\underline{\text { 100.00\% }}$ |  | 7.08\% |

## REVENUE CONVERSION FACTOR WASHINGTON ELECTRIC TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

| Line No. | Description | Factor | TCJA <br> Factor |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Revenues | 1.000000 | 1.000000 |
|  | Expense: |  |  |
| 2 | Uncollectibles | 0.006578 | 0.006578 |
| 3 | Commission Fees | 0.002000 | 0.002000 |
| 4 | Washington Excise Tax | 0.038479 | 0.038479 |
| 6 | Total Expense | 0.047057 | 0.047057 |
| 7 | Net Operating Income Before FIT | 0.952943 | 0.952943 |
| 8 | Federal Income Tax @ 35\%; 21\% | 0.333530 | 0.200118 |
| 9 | REVENUE CONVERSION FACTOR | 0.619413 | 0.752825 |



## WASHINGTON ELECTRIC RESULTS - PRO FORMA

TRADITIONAL PRO FORMA STUDY
TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Ln } \\ & \text { No. } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | DESCRIPTION | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Injuries } \\ \text { and } \\ \text { Damages } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { FIT/DFIT// } \\ & \text { ITC } \\ & \text { Expense } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Office Space Charges to Non-Utility | Restate <br> Excise <br> Taxes | Net Gains / Losses | Weather Normalization | Eliminate Adder Schedules | Misc. Restating Non-Util / NonRecurring Expenses |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Adjustment Number | 2.05 | 2.06 | 2.07 | 2.08 | 2.09 | 2.10 | 2.11 | 2.12 |
|  | Workpaper Reference | E-ID | E-FIT | E-OSC | E-RET | E-NGL | E-WN | E-EAS | E-MR |
|  | REVENUES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Total General Business | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$7,392 | $(\$ 18,203)$ | \$0 |
| 2 | Interdepartmental Sales | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 3 | Sales for Resale | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 4 | Total Sales of Electricity | - | - | - | - | - | 7,392 | $(18,203)$ | - |
| 5 | Other Revenue | - | - | - | - | - | $(5,775)$ | 684 | $(2,566)$ |
| 6 | Total Electric Revenue | - | - | - | - | - | 1,617 | $(17,519)$ | $(2,566)$ |
|  | EXPENSES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Production and Transmission |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7 | Operating Expenses | - | - | - | - | - | - | (383) | (5) |
| 8 | Purchased Power | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 9 | Depreciation/Amortization | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 10 | Regulatory Amortization | - | - | - | - | - | - | 395 | - |
| 11 | Taxes | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 12 | Total Production \& Transmission | - | - | - | - | - | - | 12 | (5) |
|  | Distribution |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13 | Operating Expenses | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | (2) |
| 14 | Depreciation/Amortization | - | - | - | - | (94) | - | - | - |
| 15 | Regulatory Amortization | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 16 | Taxes | - | - | - | (62) | - | 284 | (700) | - |
| 17 | Total Distribution | - | - | - | (62) | (94) | 284 | (700) | (2) |
| 18 | Customer Accounting | - | - | - | - | - | 49 | (120) | - |
| 19 | Customer Service \& Information | - | - | - | - | - | - | $(16,675)$ | - |
| 20 | Sales Expenses | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
|  | Administrative \& General |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 21 | Operating Expenses | 151 | - | (31) | - | - | 15 | (36) | $(1,068)$ |
| 22 | Depreciation/Amortization | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 23 | Taxes | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 24 | Total Admin. \& General | 151 | - | (31) | - | - | 15 | (36) | $(1,068)$ |
| 25 | Total Electric Expenses | 151 | - | (31) | (62) | (94) | 348 | $(17,519)$ | $(1,075)$ |
| 26 | OPERATING INCOME BEFORE FIT | (151) | - | 31 | 62 | 94 | 1,269 | - | $(1,491)$ |
|  | FEDERAL INCOME TAX |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 27 | Current Accrual | (53) | 110 | 11 | 22 | 33 | 444 | - | (522) |
| 28 | Debt Interest | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 29 | Deferred Income Taxes | - | (40) | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 30 | Amortized ITC - Noxon | - | (1) | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 31 | EDFIT Amortization |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 32 | NET OPERATING INCOME | (\$98) | (\$69) | \$20 | \$40 | \$61 | \$825 | \$0 | (\$969) |

## RATE BASE <br> PLANT IN SERVICE

Intangible
Production
Transmission
Distribution
General
Total Plant in Service
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION/AMORT
Intangible
Production
Transmission
Distribution
General
Total Accumulated Depreciation
NET PLANT

| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

DEFERRED TAXES

## EDFIT

Net Plant After DFIT
DEFERRED DEBITS AND CREDITS \& OTHER
WORKING CAPITAL

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ |

TOTAL RATE BASE
RATE OF RETURN
REVENUE REQUIREMENT

| WASHINGTON ELECTRIC RESULTS - PRO FORMA <br> TRADITIONAL PRO FORMA STUDY <br> TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 (000'S OF DOLLARS) |  |  |  |  |  |  | (Authorized P.S. <br> @ Authorized P/T ratio) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Ln } \\ \text { No. } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | DESCRIPTION | Eliminate WA Power Cost Defer | Nez Perce Settlement Adjustment | Restating Incentives | Normalize <br> CS2/Colstrip <br> Major Maint | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Restate } \\ \text { Debt } \\ \text { Interest } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Authorized Power Supply | Restated TOTAL |
|  | Adjustment Number | 2.13 | 2.14 | 2.15 | 2.16 | 2.17 | 2.18 | R-TtI |
|  | Workpaper Reference | E-EWPC | E-NPS | E-RI | E-PMM | E-RDI | E-APS |  |
|  | REVENUES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Total General Business | \$4,698 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$492,413 |
| 2 | Interdepartmental Sales |  | - | - | - | - | - | 946 |
| 3 | Sales for Resale | - | - | - | - |  | $(20,773)$ | 57,325 |
| 4 | Total Sales of Electricity | 4,698 | - | - | - |  | $(20,773)$ | 550,684 |
| 5 | Other Revenue | - | - | - | - | - | $(56,948)$ | 17,116 |
| 6 | Total Electric Revenue | 4,698 | - | - | - |  | $(77,721)$ | 567,800 |
| EXPENSES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Production and Transmission |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7 | Operating Expenses | $(2,270)$ | (4) | - | $(1,174)$ | - | $(46,240)$ | 134,600 |
| 8 | Purchased Power | - | - | - | - |  | $(19,641)$ | 77,131 |
| 9 | Depreciation/Amortization | - | - | - | - | - | - | 26,677 |
| 10 | Regulatory Amortization | - | - | - | - | - |  | 4,705 |
| 11 | Taxes | - | - | - | - | - | - | 14,990 |
| 12 | Total Production \& Transmission | $(2,270)$ | (4) | - | $(1,174)$ | - | $(65,881)$ | 258,103 |
| Distribution |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13 | Operating Expenses | - | - |  | - | - | - | 21,418 |
| 14 | Depreciation/Amortization | - | - | - | - | - | - | 27,819 |
| 15 | Regulatory Amortization | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 16 | Taxes | 181 | - | - | - | - | - | 26,951 |
| 17 | Total Distribution | 181 | - | - | - | - | - | 76,188 |
| 18 | Customer Accounting | 30 | - | - | - | - | - | 13,021 |
| 19 | Customer Service \& Information | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,406 |
| 20 | Sales Expenses | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Administrative \& General |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 21 | Operating Expenses | 9 | - | (626) | - | - | - | 48,989 |
| 22 | Depreciation/Amortization | - | - | - | - | - | - | 23,877 |
| 23 | Taxes | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 24 | Total Admin. \& General | 9 | - | (626) | - | - | - | 72,866 |
| 25 | Total Electric Expenses | $(2,050)$ | (4) | (626) | $(1,174)$ | - | $(65,881)$ | 421,584 |
| 26 | OPERATING INCOME BEFORE FIT | 6,748 | 4 | 626 | 1,174 | - | $(11,840)$ | 146,216 |
|  | FEDERAL INCOME TAX |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 27 | Current Accrual | 1,567 | 1 | 219 | 411 | 202 | $(4,144)$ | $(27,873)$ |
| 28 | Debt Interest | - | - | - | - | - | - | 21 |
| 29 | Deferred Income Taxes | 795 | - | - | - | - | - | 67,191 |
| 30 | Amortized ITC - Noxon | - | - | - | - | - | - | (326) |
| 31 EDFIT Amortization |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 32 | NET OPERATING INCOME | \$4,386 | \$3 | 407 | 763 | (202) | (\$7,696) | 107,203 |
|  | RATE BASEPLANT IN SERVICE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 33 | Intangible | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$156,057 |
| 34 | Production | - | - | - | - | - | - | 832,833 |
| 35 | Transmission | - | - | - | - | - | - | 430,613 |
| 36 | Distribution | - | - | - | - | - | - | 970,455 |
| 37 | General | - | - | - | - | - | - | 233,266 |
| 38 | Total Plant in Service | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2,623,224 |
|  | ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION/AMORT |  |  |  |  |  | - |  |
| 39 | Intangible | - | - | - | - | - | - | $(30,914)$ |
| 40 | Production | - | - | - | - | - | - | $(351,625)$ |
| 41 | Transmission | - | - | - | - | - | - | $(135,624)$ |
| 42 | Distribution | - | - | - | - | - | - | $(295,383)$ |
| 43 | General | - | - | - | - | - | - | $(80,093)$ |
| 44 | Total Accumulated Depreciation | - | - | - | - | - | - | (893,639) |
| 45 | NET PLANT | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,729,585 |
| 46 | DEFERRED TAXES | - | - | - | - | - | - | $(353,901)$ |
| 47 EDFIT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 48 | Net Plant After DFIT | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,375,684 |
| 49 | DEFERRED DEBITS AND CREDITS \& OTHER | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4,568 |
| 50 | WORKING CAPITAL | - | - | - | - | - | - | 62,474 |
| 51 | TOTAL RATE BASE | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$1,442,726 |
| 52 | Rate of return |  |  |  |  |  |  | (1) |
| 53 | REVENUE REQUIREMENT | $(7,081)$ | (4) | (657) | $(1,232)$ | 326 | 12,425 | $(8,166)$ |


| WASHINGTON ELECTRIC RESULTS - PRO FORMA <br> TRADITIONAL PRO FORMA STUDY <br> TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 (000'S OF DOLLARS) |  | PRO FORMA ADJUSTMENTS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | NON ERM | Contested | Pro Forma <br> Labor <br> Exec | Pro Forma Employee Benefits | Pro Forma Incentive Expenses | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Pro Forma } \\ \text { Property } \\ \text { Tax } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  |  |
| $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { Ln } \\ \text { No. } \end{array}$ | DESCRIPTION | Pro Forma <br> Trans/Power Sup Non-ERM Rev/Exp | Pro Forma Labor <br> Non-Exec |  |  |  |  | Pro Forma IS/IT Expense | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Pro Forma } \\ \text { Revenue } \\ \text { Normalization } \end{gathered}$ |
| Adjustment Number |  | 3.01 | 3.02 | 3.03 | 3.04 | 3.05 | ${ }_{\text {Tax }} 3.06$ | Expense | 3.08 |
| Workpaper Reference |  | E-PTR | E-PLN | E-PLE | E-PEB | E-PI | E-PPT | E-CI | E-PREV |
| REVENUES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Total General Business | \$0 |  | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | $(\$ 1,225)$ |
| 2 | Interdepartmental Sales | - |  | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 3 | Sales for Resale | - |  | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 4 | Total Sales of Electricity | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | $(1,225)$ |
| 5 | Other Revenue | 71 | - | - | - | - | - | - | $(3,887)$ |
| 6 | Total Electric Revenue | 71 | - | - | - | - | - | - | $(5,112)$ |
|  | EXPENSES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Production and Transmission |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7 | Operating Expenses | 172 | 538 | - | (125) | - | - | - | - |
| 8 | Purchased Power | - | - | - |  | - | - | - | - |
| 9 | Depreciation/Amortization | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 10 | Regulatory Amortization |  |  |  |  | - | - | - | - |
| 11 | Taxes | - | - | - | - | - | 1,578 | - | - |
| 12 | Total Production \& Transmission | 172 | 538 | - | (125) | - | 1,578 | - | - |
|  | Distribution |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13 | Operating Expenses | - | 327 |  | (77) |  | - | - | - |
| 14 | Depreciation/Amortization | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 15 | Regulatory Amortization | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 16 | Taxes | - | - | - | - | - | 880 | - | (47) |
| 17 | Total Distribution | - | 327 | - | (77) | - | 880 | - | (47) |
| 18 | Customer Accounting | - | 171 |  | (41) | - | - | - | (8) |
| 19 | Customer Service \& Information | - | 14 |  | (3) | - | - | - | - |
| 20 | Sales Expenses | - |  |  |  | - | - | - | - |
|  | Administrative \& General |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 21 | Operating Expenses | - | 483 | (33) | (114) | 119 | - | 694 | (2) |
| 22 | Depreciation/Amortization | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 23 | Taxes | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 24 | Total Admin. \& General | - | 483 | (33) | (114) | 119 | - | 694 | (2) |
| 25 | Total Electric Expenses | 172 | 1,534 | (33) | (360) | 119 | 2,458 | 694 | (57) |
| 26 | OPERATING INCOME BEFORE FIT | (101) | $(1,534)$ | 33 | 360 | (119) | $(2,458)$ | (694) | $(5,055)$ |
|  | FEDERAL INCOME TAX |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 27 | Current Accrual | (35) | (537) | 12 | 126 | (42) | (860) | (243) | $(1,769)$ |
| 28 | Debt Interest | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 29 | Deferred Income Taxes | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 30 | Amortized ITC - Noxon | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 3 | EDFIT Amortization |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 32 | NET OPERATING INCOME | (\$66) | (\$997) | \$21 | \$234 | (\$77) | (\$1,598) | (\$451) | $(3,286)$ |
|  | Rate base |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | PLANT IN SERVICE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 33 | Intangible | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 34 | Production | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 35 | Transmission | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 36 | Distribution | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 37 | General | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 38 | Total Plant in Service | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
|  | ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION/AMORT | - | - | - | - |  |  |  |  |
| 39 | Intangible | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 40 | Production | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 41 | Transmission | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 42 | Distribution | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 43 | General | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 44 | Total Accumulated Depreciation | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 45 | NET PLANT | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 46 | DEFERRED TAXES | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 47 | EDFIT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 48 | Net Plant After DFIT | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 49 | DEFERRED DEBITS AND CREDITS \& OTHER | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 50 | WORKING CAPITAL | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 51 | TOTAL RATE BASE | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 52 | RATE OF RETURN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 53 | REVENUE REQUIREMENT | 106 | 1,610 | (35) | (378) | 125 | 2,579 | 728 | 5,305 |



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Tab 4 Adjustfficent Details


Electric Services
Tab 4 Adjustifient Details

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RESULTS OF OPERATIONS Report I

| ELECTRIC SCHEDULE M ITEMS | E-SCM |
| :--- | :--- |
| For Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2016 |  |


| For Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2016 <br> Average of Monthly Averages Basis |  |
| :--- | :--- |


| Ref/Basis |  | Description | Direct | Allocated | Total | Direct | Allocated | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ALLOCATION RATIOS: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| E-ALL | 1 | Production/Transmission Ratio |  | 100.000\% |  |  | 65.730\% |  |
| E-ALL | 2 | Number of Customers - AMA |  | 100.000\% |  |  | 65.664\% |  |
| E-ALL | 4 | Jurisdictional 4-Factor Ratio |  | 100.000\% |  |  | 68.270\% |  |
| E-ALL | 11 | Book Depreciation |  | 100.000\% |  |  | 65.131\% |  |
| E-ALL | 12 | Net Electric Plant (before DFIT) - AMA |  | 100.000\% |  |  | 66.018\% |  |
| E-ALL | 99 | Not Allocated |  | 0.000\% |  |  | 0.000\% |  |

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| E-ALL | 14 | Net Allocated Schedule M's - AMA | $100.000 \%$ | $64.750 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: |
| E-ALL | 99 | Not Allocated | $0.000 \%$ | $0.000 \%$ |

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Avista Corporation, Electric Services
Calculation of Excess Deferred Federal Income Tax ("EDFIT") Reserve and Amortization Using the Alternative Method (\$000)

| ADIT Book/Tax Difference | Per Books ADIT @ 35\% Rate | Com. Basis <br> Adjusted ADIT @ 35\% Rate | Reverse Old Gross Up Rate | Cum. <br> Book/Tax Differnce Amount | Apply New GrossUp Rate | TCJA ADIT @ 21\% Rate | Reserve for EDFIT | Amort. <br> Rate* | EDFIT <br> Amort. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { (a) } \\ \text { Per ROO } \end{gathered}$ | (b) <br> See Tab 6b | (c) | $\begin{gathered} \text { (d) } \\ =(\mathrm{b}) /(\mathrm{c}) \end{gathered}$ | (e) | $\begin{gathered} (\mathrm{f}) \\ =(\mathrm{d}) *(\mathrm{e}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & (\mathrm{g}) \\ = & (\mathrm{b})-(\mathrm{f}) \end{aligned}$ | (h) <br> See notes | $\begin{gathered} (\mathrm{i}) \\ =(\mathrm{g})^{*}(\mathrm{~h}) \end{gathered}$ |
| ADFIT - Colstrip PCB (283200) | (67) | (67) | 35\% | (192) | 21\% | (40) | (27) | 6\% (a) | (2) |
| 1 ADFIT - Electric Plant In Service (282900) | $(312,064)$ |  |  |  | 21\% | - | - |  |  |
| 2 Intangible |  | $(5,471)$ | 35\% | $(15,633)$ | 21\% | $(3,283)$ | $(2,189)$ | 20.00\% (b) | (438) |
| 3 Production |  | $(109,845)$ | 35\% | $(313,842)$ | 21\% | $(65,907)$ | $(43,938)$ | 2.24\% (c) | (986) |
| 4 Transmission |  | $(56,795)$ | 35\% | $(162,270)$ | 21\% | $(34,077)$ | $(22,718)$ | 1.83\% | (416) |
| 5 Distribution |  | $(130,743)$ | 35\% | $(373,552)$ | 21\% | $(78,446)$ | $(52,297)$ | 2.92\% | $(1,527)$ |
| 6 General Utility (Direct) |  | $(8,404)$ | 35\% | $(24,013)$ | 21\% | $(5,043)$ | $(3,362)$ | 3.81\% | (128) |
| 7 ADFIT - Common Plant (282900 from C-DTX) | $(32,392)$ | $(32,043)$ | 35\% | $(91,551)$ | 21\% | $(19,226)$ | $(12,817)$ | 8.43\% | $(1,080)$ |
| 8 ADFIT - Common Plant (283750 from C-DTX) | (753) | (350) | 35\% | (999) | 21\% | (210) | (140) | 8.43\% | (12) |
| 9 ADFIT - CDA Lake Settlement - Allocated (283382) | $(7,636)$ | $(7,636)$ | 35\% | $(21,816)$ | 21\% | $(4,581)$ | $(3,054)$ | 2.35\% (d) | (72) |
| 10 ADFIT - CDA Settlement Costs (283333) | 254 | 254 | 35\% | 726 | 21\% | 153 | 102 | 2.35\% | 2 |
| 11 ADFIT - Electric portion of Bond Redemptions (28385 | $(2,047)$ | $(2,047)$ | 35\% | $(5,848)$ | 21\% | $(1,228)$ | (819) | 20.00\% (e) | (164) |
| 12 AFUDC - CWIP Intangibles |  | (753) | 35\% | $(2,152)$ | 21\% | (452) | (301) | 20.00\% (f) | (60) |
| 13 Total ADIT (Restated) | $(354,705)$ | $(353,899)$ |  | $(1,011,141)$ |  | $(212,340)$ | $(141,560)$ |  | $(4,881)$ |
| Check | 2 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Tab 3, E-ROO | T/A: Tab 3,R-Tt\| |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 14 Pro-Forma Plant (Little Falls) |  | $(1,229)$ | 35\% | $(3,511)$ | 21\% | (737) | (492) | 1.87\% (g) | (9.19) |
| 15 Total (Pro Forma) |  | $(355,128)$ |  | $(1,014,653)$ |  | $(213,077)$ | (142,051.361) |  | (4,890.642) |
| Check |  | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | A: Tab 3, PF-Tt\| |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

(a) Amortize over remaining life span estimate for Colstrip Units 3 and 4 of 2034 and 2035 respectively (approximately 17.5 years)
(b) Assume 5 -year life as used by the Company for software in its post-test period pro forma capital adjustmen
(c) Composite depreciation rate from depreciation study.
(d) Amortize over Post Falls remaining life through 2060 (approximately 42.5 years)
(e) Bond life unknonwn, estimated to reverse over five years
(f) Composite rate for intangibles from depreciation study
(g) Composite rate for hydro from depreciation study

## AVISTA UTILITIES

Electric Accumulated Deferred Taxes
Average - Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2016

|  | Alloc Basis | Electric System | Washington | Idaho |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ACCELERATED TAX DEPRECIATION |  |  |  |  |
| Electric Intangible | 1 | (8,324,201) | $(5,471,497)$ | $(2,852,704)$ |
| Production | 1 | $(167,114,787)$ | (109,844,549) | $(57,270,238)$ |
| Transmission | 1 | $(86,405,995)$ | $(56,794,661)$ | $(29,611,334)$ |
| Distribution | 10 | $(198,236,675)$ | (130,743,034) | $(67,493,641)$ |
| General Utility (Direct) | 13 | $(12,614,123)$ | $(8,404,412)$ | $(4,209,711)$ |
| General/Intangible CD AA | 4 | $(46,935,380)$ | $(32,042,784)$ | $(14,892,596)$ |
| General/Intangible CD AN | 4 | $(512,045)$ | $(349,573)$ | $(162,472)$ |
| Subtotal |  | (520,143,206) | (343,650,510) | $(176,492,696)$ |
| CDA Lake CDR Fund | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CDA Lake IPA Fund | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CDA Lake Settlement | 1 | $(11,616,517)$ | $(7,635,537)$ | $(3,980,980)$ |
| CDA Lake Settlement-Costs | 1 | 386,765 | 254,221 | 132,544 |
| Subtotal |  | $(11,229,752)$ | $(7,381,316)$ | $(3,848,436)$ |
| Total Plant DFIT |  | $(531,372,957)$ | $(351,031,826)$ | $(180,341,131)$ |
| Colstrip PCB - Elec | 1 | $(102,294)$ | $(67,238)$ | $(35,056)$ |
| AFUDC-CWIP Intangibles | 4 | $(1,103,509)$ | $(753,365)$ | $(350,143)$ |
| FMB \& MTN Redeemed | 12 | $(3,100,627)$ | $(2,046,972)$ | $(1,053,655)$ |
| Total Other Deferred FIT |  | $(4,306,430)$ | $(2,867,576)$ | $(1,438,855)$ |
| Total Deferred FIT | I | $(535,679,388)$ | $(353,899,402)$ | $(181,779,986)$ |
| Amount at 12/31/2016 AMA |  | $(535,679,394)$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { K } \\ (354,705,553) \end{gathered}$ | (180,973,841) |
| Adjustment |  | 6 | 806,151 | $(806,145)$ |
| Allocation Notes: |  |  |  |  |
| Production/Transmission | 1 | 100.000\% | 65.730\% | 34.270\% |
| Jurisdictional four-factor | 4 | 100.000\% | 68.270\% | 31.730\% |
| Net electric distribution plant - AMA | 10 | 100.000\% | 65.953\% | 34.047\% |
| Net electric plant - AMA | 12 | 100.000\% | 66.018\% | 33.982\% |
| Net electric general plant - AMA | 13 | 100.000\% | 66.627\% | 33.373\% |
| Direct | D |  |  |  |

Source of Allocation Factors: Results of Operations Report E-ALL-12A
Source of Allocation Factors: Results of Operations Report E-PLT-12A

Avista Corporation, Electric Services
Calculation of the Deferral Related to Excess Taxes Collected in Rates over the Period January 1, 2018 through April 30, 2018 (\$000)

Line

## 1 Restating Adjustment Calculation Using:

2 Rate Base
3 Equity \%
4 Equity Portion of Rate Base

5 Return On Equity
6 Pretax Return On Equity (35\% Rate)
7 Pretax Equity Returns Required (35\% Rate)
8 Pretax Return on Equity (21\% Rate)
9 Pretax Equity Return (21\% Rate)
10 Annual Equity Return Differential (35\% to 21\% Rate)

11 Monthly Deferral Calculation
12 Monthly Return Diff. at Restated 21 \% Tax Rate
13 Monthly EDFIT Amortization
14 Monthly EDFIT Amortization (Pretax)
15 Total Deferred Amounts
16 Carrying Charge (Per Mo. at Pre-tax ROR)
17 Balance
18 Beginning Balance
19 Deferral
20 Interest
21 Ending Balance

| UE-150204, Order 05, Table |  |
| :---: | ---: |
| A2 |  |
| UE-15020 May 1, 2015 |  |
| Stipulation | $1,315,891$ |
| Line 2 * Line 3 | $48.50 \%$ |
| UE-150204 May 1, 2015 | 638,207 |
| Stipulation | $9.50 \%$ |
| Line 5 * (1-35\%) | $14.62 \%$ |
| Line 4 * Line 5 | $93,276.43$ |
| Line 7 * (1-21\%) | $12.03 \%$ |
| Line * Line 7 | $76,746.43$ |
| Line 9 * Line | $\mathbf{( 1 6 , 5 3 0 . 0 0 0 )}$ |


|  | 1/1/2018 | 2/1/2018 | 3/1/2018 | 4/1/2018 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Line 10 / 12 | 1,377 | 1,377 | 1,377 | 1,377 |
| Tab 6a | 408 | 408 | 408 | 408 |
| Line 13 / (1-21\%) | 516 | 516 | 516 | 516 |
| Line 13 + Line 14 | 1,785 | 1,785 | 1,785 | 1,785 |
|  | 3.14\% | 3.14\% | 3.14\% | 3.14\% |
|  | - | 1,785 | 3,570 | 5,355 |
| Line 15 | 1,785 | 1,785 | 1,785 | 1,785 |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Line } 16 \text { * (Line } 17+\text { Line } \\ 18 / 2) \\ \sum \text { Lines } 18: 20 \end{gathered}$ | 28 | 84 | 140 | 196 |
|  | 1,785 | 3,570 | 5,355 | 7,140 |

Avista Corporation, Electric Services
Amortization of the Deferral for Excess Taxes Collected in Rates Over the Period January 1, 2018 through April 30, 2018 (\$000)

| Month | Beg <br> Balance | Amortization | Interest Rate | Interest | Ending <br> Balance |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5/1/2018 | 7,140 | (457) | 3.14\% | 253 | 6,937 |  |
| 6/1/2018 | 6,937 | (457) | 3.14\% | 247 | 6,726 |  |
| 7/1/2018 | 6,726 | (457) | 3.14\% | 240 | 6,510 |  |
| 8/1/2018 | 6,510 | (457) | 3.14\% | 233 | 6,286 |  |
| 9/1/2018 | 6,286 | (457) | 3.14\% | 226 | 6,056 |  |
| 10/1/2018 | 6,056 | (457) | 3.14\% | 219 | 5,818 |  |
| 11/1/2018 | 5,818 | (457) | 3.14\% | 212 | 5,573 |  |
| 12/1/2018 | 5,573 | (457) | 3.14\% | 204 | 5,320 |  |
| 1/1/2019 | 5,320 | (457) | 3.14\% | 196 | 5,059 |  |
| 2/1/2019 | 5,059 | (457) | 3.14\% | 188 | 4,790 |  |
| 3/1/2019 | 4,790 | (457) | 3.14\% | 179 | 4,512 |  |
| 4/1/2019 | 4,512 | (457) | 3.14\% | 171 | 4,226 |  |
| 5/1/2019 | 4,226 | (457) | 3.14\% | 162 | 3,930 |  |
| 6/1/2019 | 3,930 | (457) | 3.14\% | 152 | 3,626 |  |
| 7/1/2019 | 3,626 | (457) | 3.14\% | 143 | 3,312 |  |
| 8/1/2019 | 3,312 | (457) | 3.14\% | 133 | 2,988 |  |
| 9/1/2019 | 2,988 | (457) | 3.14\% | 123 | 2,653 |  |
| 10/1/2019 | 2,653 | (457) | 3.14\% | 112 | 2,309 |  |
| 11/1/2019 | 2,309 | (457) | 3.14\% | 101 | 1,953 |  |
| 12/1/2019 | 1,953 | (457) | 3.14\% | 90 | 1,586 |  |
| 1/1/2020 | 1,586 | (457) | 3.14\% | 79 | 1,208 |  |
| 2/1/2020 | 1,208 | (457) | 3.14\% | 67 | 818 |  |
| 3/1/2020 | 818 | (457) | 3.14\% | 54 | 415 |  |
| 4/1/2020 | 415 | (457) | 3.14\% | 42 | 0 | <-Goal Seek to Zero |
| Annual Am | zation: | $(5,483)$ |  |  |  |  |

## BEFORE THE

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

|  | ) |
| :---: | :---: |
| WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND <br> TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION | ) |
|  | ) |
|  | ) DOCKETS UE-170485 and |
| Complainant, | ) UG-170486 (Consolidated) |
|  | ) |
| v. | ) |
|  | ) ICNU-NWIGU RESPONSE TO |
| AVISTA CORPORATION d/b/a | ) BENCH REQUEST NO. 1 |
| AVISTA UTILITIES | ) ATTACHMENT BENCH |
|  | ) ATMACHMENT BENCH |
| Respondent. | ) REQUEST $01-2$ |
|  | ) |

GAS TRADITIONAL REVENUE REQUIREMENT CALCULATIONS (UPDATED FOR THE TAX CUTS AND JOBS ACT)

Gas Revenue Requirement Summary (\$000)


Pro Forma Adjustments

| 21 | 3.01 | Pro Forma Atmospheric Testing \& Leak Survey |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 22 | 3.02 | Pro Forma Labor Non-Exec |
| 23 | 3.03 | Pro Forma Labor Exec |
| 24 | 3.04 | Pro Forma Employee Benefits |
| 25 | 3.05 | Pro Forma Incentive Adjustment |
| 26 | 3.06 | Pro Forma Property Tax |
| 27 | 3.07 | Pro Forma IS/IT Expense |
| 28 | 3.08 | Pro Forma Revenue Normalization |
| 29 | 3.09 | Pro Forma Regulatory Amortization |
| 30 | 3.10 | Pro Forma 2017 Threshhold Capital Adds |
| 31 | 3.11 | Pro Forma O\&M Offsets |
| 32 | 3.12 | Pro Forma Director Fees Expense |
| 33 | 3.13 | Pro Forma Leap Deferral Gas Line Ext. |
|  |  |  |
| 34 |  | Pro Forma Results (Traditional Rev. Req.) |

Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Adjustments
35 TCJA-1 Restate Tax Expense in Results
TCJA-2 Excess Deferred Taxes
TCJA-3 TCJA Deferral (Jan - Apr 2018)
38 TCJA-4 Update Conversion Factor

| Company Filing (Rev. Req. at ICNU ROR) |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |


| $(3)$ | $(325)$ | $(32)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $(1)$ | - | 2 |
| $(9)$ | $(864)$ | $(85)$ |
| $(21)$ | - | 34 |
| $(244)$ | - | 394 |
| 384 | - | $(619)$ |
| 2 | - | $(3)$ |
| $(49)$ | - | 80 |
| - | - | - |
| 6 | - | $(9)$ |
| $(1)$ | - | 2 |
| 8 | - | $(14)$ |
| $(3)$ | - | 4 |
| $(310)$ | - | 501 |
| 205 | - | $(331)$ |
| $(701)$ | - | 1,132 |
| 118 | - | $(190)$ |
| 171 | - | $(276)$ |

23,009 286,598
$(4,387)$

| $(226)$ | - | 365 |
| :---: | ---: | :---: |
| $(568)$ | - | 917 |
| 7 | - | $(10)$ |
| 114 | - | $(185)$ |
| $(22)$ | - | 36 |
| $(309)$ | - | 500 |
| $(131)$ | - | 211 |
| $(599)$ | - | 968 |
| 701 | - | $(1,132)$ |
| $(848)$ | 17,841 | 3,409 |
| 21 | - | $(34)$ |
| $(70)$ | - | 113 |
| $(365)$ | 1,474 | 757 |
|  |  |  |
| $\mathbf{2 0 , 7 1 2}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 5 , 9 1 3}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 5 2 7}$ |

NWIGU Proposed

| Net Oper. Income | Rate Base | Rev. Req. Def. / (Suf.) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 23,458 | 287,787 | $(4,977)$ |


| $(3)$ | $(325)$ | $(32)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $(1)$ | - | 2 |
| $(9)$ | $(864)$ | $(85)$ |
| $(21)$ | - | 34 |
| $(244)$ | - | 394 |
| 384 | - | $(619)$ |
| 2 | - | $(3)$ |
| $(49)$ | - | 80 |
| - | - | - |
| 6 | - | $(9)$ |
| $(1)$ | - | 2 |
| 8 | - | $(14)$ |
| $(3)$ | - | 4 |
| $(310)$ | - | 501 |
| 205 | - | $(331)$ |
| $(701)$ | - | 1,132 |
| 118 | - | $(190)$ |
| 13 | - | $(20)$ |
|  | $\mathbf{2 8 6 , 5 9 8}$ | $\mathbf{( 4 , 1 3 1 )}$ |


| $(226)$ | - | 365 |
| :---: | ---: | ---: |
| $(371)$ | - | 599 |
| 7 | - | $(10)$ |
| 114 | - | $(185)$ |
| $(22)$ | - | 36 |
| $(309)$ | - | 500 |
| $(131)$ | - | 211 |
| $(599)$ | - | 968 |
| 701 | - | $(1,132)$ |
| $(115)$ | 11,745 | 1,527 |
| 21 | - | $(34)$ |
| - | - | - |
| $(365)$ | 1,474 | 757 |
|  |  |  |
| $\mathbf{2 1 , 5 5 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 9 9 , 8 1 7}$ | $\mathbf{( 5 3 0 )}$ |


| - | - | - | 3,178 | - | $(4,213)$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| - | - | - | 1,071 | 533 | $(1,370)$ |
| - | - | - | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - | - | 94 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 , 7 1 2}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 5 , 9 1 3}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 5 2 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 5 , 8 0 5}$ |  |  |

## Gas Revenue Requirement Summary (\$000)

$\underline{\text { Line }}$| Ldj. |
| :--- |
|  |


$1 \quad \mathbf{1 . 0 0} \quad$ Per Book Results (Y/E Dec. 2016)
Restating Adjustments:

| 2 | 1.01 | Deferred FIT Rate Base |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
| 3 | 1.02 | Deferred Debits and Credits |
| 4 | 1.03 | Working Capital |
| 5 | 2.01 | Eliminate B \& O Taxes |
| 6 | 2.02 | Restate Property Tax |
| 7 | 2.03 | Uncollectible Expense |
| 8 | 2.04 | Regulatory Expense |
| 9 | 2.05 | Injuries \& Damages |
| 10 | 2.06 | FIT / DFIT Expense |
| 11 | 2.07 | Office Space Charges to Subs |
| 12 | 2.08 | Restate Excise Taxes |
| 13 | 2.09 | Net Gains \& Losses |
| 14 | 2.10 | Weather Normalization / Gas Cost Adjust |
| 15 | 2.11 | Eliminate Adder Schedules |
| 16 | 2.12 | Misc. Restating Non-Util / Non- Recurring Expenses |
| 17 | 2.13 | Project Compass Deferral |
| 18 | 2.14 | Restating Incentives |
| 19 | 2.15 | Restate Debt Interest |
| 20 |  | Restated Results |



Pro Forma Adjustments

| 21 | 3.01 | Pro Forma Atmospheric Testing \& Leak Survey |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 22 | 3.02 | Pro Forma Labor Non-Exec |
| 23 | 3.03 | Pro Forma Labor Exec |
| 24 | 3.04 | Pro Forma Employee Benefits |
| 25 | 3.05 | Pro Forma Incentive Adjustment |
| 26 | 3.06 | Pro Forma Property Tax |
| 27 | 3.07 | Pro Forma IS/IT Expense |
| 28 | 3.08 | Pro Forma Revenue Normalization |
| 29 | 3.09 | Pro Forma Regulatory Amortization |
| 30 | 3.10 | Pro Forma 2017 Threshhold Capital Adds |
| 31 | 3.11 | Pro Forma O\&M Offsets |
| 32 | 3.12 | Pro Forma Director Fees Expense |
| 33 | 3.13 | Pro Forma Leap Deferral Gas Line Ext. |
|  |  |  |
| 34 |  | Pro Forma Results (Traditional Rev. Req.) |

Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Adjustments
$\begin{array}{lll}35 & \text { TCJA-1 } & \text { Restate Tax Expense in Results } \\ 36 & \text { TCJA-2 } & \text { Excess Deferred Taxes } \\ 37 & \text { TCJA-3 } & \text { TCJA Deferral (Jan - Apr 2018) }\end{array}$

| - | - | - | - | Neutral |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 304 | 197 | - | (319) | Oppose |
| - | - | - | - | Neutral |
| - | - | - | - | Neutral |
| - | - | - | - | Neutral |
| - | - | - | - | Neutral |
| - | - | - | - | Neutral |
| - | - | - | - | Neutral |
| - | - | - | - | Neutral |
| 1,217 | 734 | $(6,096)$ | $(1,882)$ | Oppose |
| - | - | - | - | Neutral |
| 108 | 70 | - | (113) | Oppose |
| - | - | - | - | Neutral |
| 1,629 | 843 | $(6,096)$ | $(2,058)$ |  |

38 TCJA-4 Update Conversion Factor

[^4]1,629

3,178.212
1,071.223
533.111
(4,213.330) New (1,370.074) New

New
$\qquad$ $(5,563)$
$(8,857)$

## CALCULATION OF TRADITIONAL PRO FORMA STUDY REVENUE REQUIREMENT WASHINGTON NATURAL GAS TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016



[^5]TRADITIONAL PRO FORMA COST OF CAPITAL WASHINGTON NATURAL GAS

| Capital Structure |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Component | Capital <br> Structure | Cost | Weighted <br> Cost |
|  |  |  |  |
| Total Debt | $51.6 \%$ | $5.19 \%$ | $2.68 \%$ |
| Common Equity | $48.4 \%$ | $9.10 \%$ | $4.40 \%$ |
| Total | $\underline{100.00 \%}$ |  |  |

## REVENUE CONVERSION FACTOR

 WASHINGTON NATURAL GAS TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016| $\begin{array}{r} \text { Line } \\ \text { No. } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | Description | Factor | TCJA <br> Factor |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Revenues | 1.000000 | 1.000000 |
|  | Expense: |  |  |
| 2 | Uncollectibles | 0.004827 | 0.004827 |
| 3 | Commission Fees | 0.002000 | 0.002000 |
| 4 | Washington Excise Tax | 0.038334 | 0.038334 |
| 6 | Total Expense | 0.045161 | 0.045161 |
| 7 | Net Operating Income Before FIT | 0.954839 | 0.954839 |
| 8 | Federal Income Tax @ 35\%, .21\% | 0.334194 | 0.200516 |
| 9 | REVENUE CONVERSION FACTOR | 0.620645 | 0.754323 |

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| $\begin{gathered} \text { Line } \\ \text { No. } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | DESCRIPTION |  | Per <br> Results <br> Report | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Deferred } \\ \text { FIT } \\ \text { Rate Base } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Deferred Debits and Credits | Working Capital | Eliminate <br> B \& O <br> Taxes | Restate <br> Property <br> Tax | Uncollectible Expense | Regulatory Expense | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Injuries } \\ \& \\ \text { Damages } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Adjsutment Number |  | 1.00 | 1.01 | 1.02 | 1.03 | 2.01 | 2.02 | 2.03 | 2.04 | 2.05 | 2.06 |
|  | Workpaper Reference |  | G-ROO | G-DFIT | G-DDC | G-WC | G-EBO | G-RPT | G-UE | G-RE | G-ID | G-FIT |
|  | REVENUES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Total General Business | \$ | 146,098 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ $(5,097)$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 2 | Total Transportation |  | 4,595 | - |  | - | (118) | - | - | - | - | - |
| 3 | Other Revenues |  | 69,723 | - |  | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 4 | Total Gas Revenues |  | 220,416 | - |  | - | $(5,215)$ | - | - | - | - | - |
|  | EXPENSES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Production Expenses |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | City Gate Purchases |  | 112,605 | - |  | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 6 | Purchased Gas Expense |  | 988 | - |  | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 7 | Net Nat Gas Storage Trans |  | 2,932 | - |  | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 8 | Total Production |  | 116,525 | - |  | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
|  | Underground Storage |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9 | Operating Expenses |  | 974 | - |  | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 10 | Depreciation/Amortization |  | 492 | - |  | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 11 | Taxes |  | 210 | - |  | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 12 | Total Underground Storage |  | 1,676 | - |  | - | - | - | - | - | - |  |
|  | Distribution |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13 | Operating Expenses |  | 12,049 | - |  | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 14 | Depreciation/Amortization |  | 9,866 | - |  | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 15 | Taxes |  | 12,807 | - |  | - | $(5,183)$ | 375 | - | - | - | - |
| 16 | Total Distribution |  | 34,722 | - |  | - | $(5,183)$ | 375 | - | - | - | - |
| 17 | Customer Accounting |  | 7,352 | - | 2 | - | - |  | (590) | - | - | - |
| 18 | Customer Service \& Information |  | 7,595 | - |  | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 19 | Sales Expenses |  | - | - |  | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
|  | Administrative \& General |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20 | Operating Expenses |  | 13,763 | - |  | - | - | - | - | (3) | 76 | - |
| 21 | Depreciation/Amortization |  | 6,260 | - |  | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 22 | Regulatory Amortizations |  | - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 23 | Taxes |  | - | - |  | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 24 | Total Admin. \& General |  | 20,023 | - |  | - | - | - | - | (3) | 76 | - |
| 25 | Total Gas Expense |  | 187,893 | - | 2 | - | $(5,183)$ | 375 | (590) | (3) | 76 | - |
| 26 | OPERATING INCOME BEFORE FIT |  | 32,523 | - | (2) | - | (32) | (375) | 590 | 3 | (76) | - |
|  | FEDERAL INCOME TAX |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 27 | Current Accrual |  | (841) | - | (1) | - | (11) | (131) | 207 | 1 | (27) | - |
| 28 | Debt Interest |  | - | 3 |  | 8 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 29 | Deferred FIT |  | 9,923 | - |  | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 30 | EDFIT Amortization |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 31 | Amort ITC |  | (17) |  |  |  | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 32 | NET OPERATING INCOME | \$ | 23,458 | \$ (3) | \$ (1) | \$ (8) | \$ (21) | \$ (244) | \$ 384 | \$ 2 | \$ (49) | \$ |
|  | RATE BASE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | PLANT IN SERVICE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 33 | Underground Storage | \$ | 26,868 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ - | \$ |
| 34 | Distribution Plant |  | 390,508 | - |  | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 35 | General Plant |  | 82,624 | - |  | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 36 | Total Plant in Service |  | 500,000 | - |  | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
|  | ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION/AMORT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 37 | Underground Storage |  | $(10,317)$ | - |  | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 38 | Distribution Plant |  | $(129,098)$ | - |  | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 39 | General Plant |  | $(23,473)$ | - |  | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 40 | Total Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization |  | $(162,888)$ | - |  | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 41 | NET PLANT |  | 337,112 | - |  | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 42 | DEFERRED TAXES |  | $(73,856)$ | (325) |  | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 43 | EDFIT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 44 | Net Plant After DFIT |  | 263,256 | (325) |  | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 45 | GAS INVENTORY |  | 9,116 | - |  | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 46 | GAIN ON SALE OF BUILDING |  | - | - |  | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 47 | OTHER |  | (249) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 48 | WORKING CAPITAL |  | 15,664 | - |  | (864) | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 49 | TOTAL RATE BASE | \$ | 287,787 | \$ (325) | \$ | \$ (864) | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 50 | RATE OF RETURN |  | 8.15\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 51 | REVENUE REQUIREMENT |  | -4,967 | -32 |  | -86 | 34 | 393 | -618 | -3 | 80 | 0 |

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| $\begin{gathered} \text { Line } \\ \text { No. } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | DESCRIPTION | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Office Space } \\ \text { Charges to } \\ \text { Subs } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Restate <br> Excise <br> Taxes | Net Gains \& Losses | Weather Normalization / Gas Cost Adjust | Eliminate <br> Adder <br> Schedules | Misc. Restating Non-Util / Non- Recurring Expenses | Project <br> Compass <br> Deferral | Restating Incentives |  | Restated TOTAL |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Adjsutment Number | 2.07 | 2.08 | 2.09 | 2.10 | 2.11 | 2.12 | 2.13 | 2.14 | 2.15 |  |
|  | Workpaper Reference | G-OSC | G-RET | G-NGL | G-WNGC | G-EAS | G-MR | G-CD | G-RI | G-DI | R-TtI |
|  | REVENUES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Total General Business | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ 11,209 | \$ $(1,240)$ | \$ - | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ 150,970 |
| 2 | Total Transportation | - | - | - |  | - | - | - | - | - | 4,477 |
| 3 | Other Revenues | - | - | - | $(5,427)$ | $(63,276)$ | - | - | - | - | 1,020 |
| 4 | Total Gas Revenues | - | - | - | 5,782 | $(64,516)$ | - | - | - | - | 156,467 |
|  | EXPENSES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Production Expenses |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | City Gate Purchases | - | - | - | 5,274 | $(54,419)$ | - | - | - | - | 63,460 |
| 6 | Purchased Gas Expense | - | - | - | 6 | - | - | - | - | - | 994 |
| 7 | Net Nat Gas Storage Trans | - | - | - | - | $(2,932)$ | - | - | - | - | - |
| 8 | Total Production | - | - | - | 5,280 | $(57,351)$ | - | - | - | - | 64,454 |
|  | Underground Storage |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9 | Operating Expenses | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 974 |
| 10 | Depreciation/Amortization | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 492 |
| 11 | Taxes | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 210 |
| 12 | Total Underground Storage | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,676 |
|  | Distribution |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13 | Operating Expenses | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 12,050 |
| 14 | Depreciation/Amortization | - | - | (13) | - | - | - | - | - | - | 9,853 |
| 15 | Taxes | - | 2 | - | 430 | (48) | - | - | - | - | 8,383 |
| 16 | Total Distribution | - | 2 | (13) | 430 | (48) | 1 | - | - | - | 30,286 |
| 17 | Customer Accounting | - | - | - | 54 | (6) | - | - | - | - | 6,812 |
| 18 | Customer Service \& Information | - | - | - | - | $(6,632)$ | - | - | - | - | 963 |
| 19 | Sales Expenses | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
|  | Administrative \& General |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | - |
| 20 | Operating Expenses | (9) | - | - | 22 | (2) | (316) | - | (181) | - | 13,350 |
| 21 | Depreciation/Amortization | - | - | - |  |  | - | - | - | - | 6,260 |
| 22 | Regulatory Amortizations |  |  |  | - | - | - | 1,079 | - | - | 1,079 |
| 23 | Taxes | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 24 | Total Admin. \& General | (9) | - | - | 22 | (2) | (316) | 1,079 | (181) | - | 20,689 |
| 25 | Total Gas Expense | (9) | 2 | (13) | 5,786 | $(64,039)$ | (315) | 1,079 | (181) | - | 124,880 |
| 26 | OPERATING INCOME BEFORE FIT | 9 | (2) | 13 | (4) | (477) | 315 | $(1,079)$ | 181 | - | 31,587 |
|  | FEDERAL INCOME TAX |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 27 | Current Accrual | 3 | (1) | 5 | (1) | (167) | 110 | (378) | 63 | 40 | $(1,129)$ |
| 28 | Debt Interest | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |  | 11 |
| 29 | Deferred FIT | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 9,923 |
| 30 | EDFIT Amortization |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 31 | Amort ITC | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | (17) |
| 32 | NET OPERATING INCOME | \$ 6 | \$ (1) | 8 | (3) | \$ (310) | 205 | \$ (701) | \$ 118 | \$ (40) | \$ 22,798 |
|  | RATE BASE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | PLANT IN SERVICE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 33 | Underground Storage | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ 26,868 |
| 34 | Distribution Plant | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 390,508 |
| 35 | General Plant | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 82,624 |
| 36 | Total Plant in Service | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 500,000 |
|  | ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION/AMORT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 37 | Underground Storage | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | $(10,317)$ |
| 38 | Distribution Plant | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | $(129,098)$ |
| 39 | General Plant | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | $(23,473)$ |
| 40 | Total Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | $(162,888)$ |
| 41 | NET PLANT | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 337,112 |
| 42 | DEFERRED TAXES | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | $(74,181)$ |
| 43 | EDFIT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 44 | Net Plant After DFIT | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 262,931 |
| 45 | GAS INVENTORY | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 9,116 |
| 46 | GAIN ON SALE OF BUILDING | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 47 | OTHER |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | (249) |
| 48 | WORKING CAPITAL | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 14,800 |
| 49 | TOTAL RATE BASE | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ 286,598 |
| 50 | RATE OF RETURN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | (1) |
| 51 | REVENUE REQUIREMENT | -9 | 2 | -14 | 4 | 500 | -330 | 1,130 | -190 | 64 | -4,040 |

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|  |  |  | Contested |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Line } \\ \text { No. } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | DESCRIPTION | Pro Forma <br> Atmospheric Testing <br> \& Leak Survey | Pro Forma <br> Labor <br> Non-Exec | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Pro Forma } \\ \text { Labor } \\ \text { Exec } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Pro Forma Employee Benefits | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Pro Forma } \\ \text { Incentive } \\ \text { Adjustment } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Pro Forma } \\ \text { Property } \\ \text { Tax } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Pro Forma <br> IS/IT <br> Expense | Pro Forma <br> Revenue <br> Normalization |
|  | Adjsutment Number | 3.01 | 3.02 | 3.03 | 3.04 | 3.05 | 3.06 | 3.07 | 3.08 |
|  | Workpaper Reference | G-PAT | G-PLN | G-PLE | G-PEB | G-PI | G-PPT | G-PIS | G-PREV |
|  | REVENUES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Total General Business | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ - | \$ $\quad(66,671)$ |
| 2 | Total Transportation | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 56 |
| 3 | Other Revenues | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | (776) |
| 4 | Total Gas Revenues | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | $(67,391)$ |
|  | EXPENSES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Production Expenses |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | City Gate Purchases | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | $(63,460)$ |
| 6 | Purchased Gas Expense | - | 16 | - | (6) | - | - | - | - |
| 7 | Net Nat Gas Storage Trans | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 8 | Total Production | - | 16 | - | (6) | - | - | - | $(63,460)$ |
|  | Underground Storage |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9 | Operating Expenses | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 10 | Depreciation/Amortization | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 11 | Taxes | - | - | - | - | - | 37 | - | - |
| 12 | Total Underground Storage | - | - | - | - | - | 37 | - | - |
|  | Distribution |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13 | Operating Expenses | 348 | 202 |  | (76) | - | - | - | - |
| 14 | Depreciation/Amortization | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 15 | Taxes | - | - | - | - | - | 439 | - | $(2,554)$ |
| 16 | Total Distribution | 348 | 202 | - | (76) | - | 439 | - | $(2,554)$ |
| 17 | Customer Accounting | - | 109 | - | (41) | - |  |  | (322) |
| 18 | Customer Service \& Information | - | 9 | - | (4) | - | - | - | - |
| 19 | Sales Expenses | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
|  | Administrative \& General |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20 | Operating Expenses | - | 133 | (10) | (49) | 34 | - | 201 | (133) |
| 21 | Depreciation/Amortization | - | - | - | - |  | - | - | - |
| 22 | Regulatory Amortizations |  |  |  |  | - |  |  | - |
| 23 | Taxes | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 24 | Total Admin. \& General | - | 133 | (10) | (49) | 34 | - | 201 | (133) |
| 25 | Total Gas Expense | 348 | 469 | (10) | (176) | 34 | 476 | 201 | $(66,469)$ |
| 26 | OPERATING INCOME BEFORE FIT | (348) | (469) | 10 | 176 | (34) | (476) | (201) | (922) |
|  | FEDERAL INCOME TAX |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 27 | Current Accrual | (122) | (164) | 4 | 62 | (12) | (167) | (70) | (323) |
| 28 | Debt Interest | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 29 | Deferred FIT | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 30 | EDFIT Amortization |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 31 | Amort ITC | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 32 | NET OPERATING INCOME | \$ (226) | \$ (305) | \$ 7 | \$ 114 | \$ (22) | \$ (309) | (131) | \$ (599) |
|  | RATE BASE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | PLANT IN SERVICE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 33 | Underground Storage | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 34 | Distribution Plant | - | - | - | - | - | - |  | - |
| 35 | General Plant | - | - | - | - | - | - |  | - |
| 36 | Total Plant in Service | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
|  | ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION/AMORT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 37 | Underground Storage | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 38 | Distribution Plant | - | - | - | - | - | - |  | - |
| 39 | General Plant | - | - | - | - | - | - |  | - |
| 40 | Total Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 41 | NET PLANT | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 42 | DEFERRED TAXES |  |  |  |  | - | - |  | - |
| 43 | EDFIT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 44 | Net Plant After DFIT | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 45 | GAS INVENTORY |  |  |  |  | - | - | - | - |
| 46 | GAIN ON SALE OF BUILDING |  |  |  |  | - | - | - | - |
| 48 | OTHER |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | WORKING CAPITAL |  |  |  |  | - | - | - | - |
| 49 | TOTAL RATE BASE | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ - | \$ | \$ |
| 50 | RATE OF RETURN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 51 | REVENUE REQUIREMENT | 364 | 491 | -10 | -184 | 36 | 499 | 211 | 966 |

WASHINGTON NATURAL GAS - PRO FORMA
TRADITIONAL PRO FORMA STUDY
TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 (000'S OF DOLLARS)



Gas Services


| Aggregate Impact of Tax Rate Change onOther Restating and Pro Forma Adjustments |  |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | Restating TCJA Restating |
|  | And Pro FormaRestated @ 21\% Adjustment |
|  | Adjustments Washington |

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| RESULTS OF OPERATIONS Report I |  |  | AVISTA UTILITIES |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| GAS SCHEDULE M ITEMS G-SCM- <br> For Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2016  <br> Average of Monthly Averages Basis  |  |  | ************** SYSTEM ************* |  |  | *********** WASHINGTON ********** |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ref/Basis | Account | Description | Direct | Allocated | Total | Direct | Allocated | Total |
|  | 997000 | Book Depreciation \& Amortization | 15,154,300 | 9,236,295 | 24,390,595 | 10,126,432 | 6,491,617 | 16,618,049 |
| 12 | 997001 | Contributions In Aid of Construction | 0 | 339,208 | 339,208 | 0 | 228,307 | 228,307 |
| 2 | 997002 | Injuries and Damages | 0 | 6,800 | 6,800 | 0 | 4,502 | 4,502 |
| 12 | 997003 | Salvage | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | 997005 | FAS106 Current Retiree Medical Accrual | 0 | 669,424 | 669,424 | 0 | 470,518 | 470,518 |
| 6 | 997008 | DSM Book Amortization | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 99 | 997010 | Deferred Gas Credit and Refunds | 10,894,725 | 0 | 10,894,725 | 7,405,819 | 0 | 7,405,819 |
| 4 | 997015 | Airplane Lease Payments | 0 | 173,967 | 173,967 | 0 | 122,276 | 122,276 |
| 12 | 997016 | Redemption Expense Amortization | 0 | 290,491 | 290,491 | 0 | 195,518 | 195,518 |
| 4 | 997020 | FAS87 Current Pension Accrual | 0 | 419,631 | 419,631 | 0 | 294,946 | 294,946 |
| 4 | 997029 | FAS 106 Post Retirement Benefits | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 99 | 997031 | Decoupling Mechanism | (10,397,212) | 0 | (10,397,212) | $(8,191,427)$ | 0 | $(8,191,427)$ |
| 12 | 997032 | Interest Rate Swaps | 0 | $(10,562,134)$ | $(10,562,134)$ | 0 | $(7,108,950)$ | $(7,108,950)$ |
| 4 | 997033 | DSM Tariff Rider | 640,309 | 0 | 640,309 | 656,453 | 0 | 656,453 |
| 12 | 997048 | AFUDC | 0 | $(665,539)$ | $(665,539)$ | 0 | $(447,948)$ | $(447,948)$ |
| 11 | 997049 | Tax Depreciation | 0 | $(49,953,270)$ | (49,953,270) | 0 | $(33,811,370)$ | $(33,811,370)$ |
| 1 | 997055 | Deferred Gas Exchange | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | 997062 | Gain on Sale of Office Building | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 99 | 997065 | Amortization of Unbilled Revenue Add-Ins | 460,777 | 0 | 460,777 | 229,962 | 0 | 229,962 |
| 99 | 997073 | DSIT Amortization - ID | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11 | 997080 | Book Transportation Depreciation | 0 | $(534,972)$ | $(534,972)$ | 0 | $(362,101)$ | $(362,101)$ |
| 4 | 997081 | Deferred Compensation | 0 | $(66,176)$ | $(66,176)$ | 0 | $(46,513)$ | $(46,513)$ |
| 4 | 997082 | Meal Disallowances | 0 | 133,517 | 133,517 | 0 | 93,845 | 93,845 |
| 4 | 997083 | Paid Time Off | 0 | 67,121 | 67,121 | 0 | 47,177 | 47,177 |
| 2 | 997084 | Customer Uncollectibles | 0 | 98,222 | 98,222 | 0 | 65,027 | 65,027 |
| 99 | 997098 | Provision for Rate Refund | 2,548,243 | 0 | 2,548,243 | 2,767,455 | 0 | 2,767,455 |
| 12 | 997101 | Repairs 481 (a) | 0 | $(7,256,838)$ | $(7,256,838)$ | 0 | $(4,884,287)$ | $(4,884,287)$ |
| 12 | 997102 | Amort Idaho Earnings Test (254229) | $(60,144)$ | 0 | $(60,144)$ | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 99 | 997103 | Def Project Compass | 168,136 | 0 | 168,136 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 99 | 997105 | WA Nat Gas Line Extension | $(1,444,028)$ | 0 | $(1,444,028)$ | $(1,444,028)$ | 0 | $(1,444,028)$ |
|  |  | TOTAL SCHEDULE M ADJUSTMENT | 19,301,142 | (57,604,253) | $(39,639,147)$ | 11,550,666 | $(38,647,436)$ | (27,096,770) |

ALLOCATION RATIOS:

| G-ALL | 1 | Contract System Demand | $100.000 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- |
| G-ALL | 2 | Number of Customers-AMA | $100.000 \%$ |
| G-ALL | 4 | Jurisdictional 4-Factor Ratio | $100.000 \%$ |
| G-ALL | 6 | Actual Therms Purchased | $100.000 \%$ |
| G-ALL | 11 | Book Depreciation | $100.000 \%$ |
| G-ALL | 12 | Net Gas Plant (beforeDFIT) - AMA | $100.000 \%$ |
| G-ALL | 99 | Not Allocated | $0.530 .204 \%$ |


| RESULTS OF OPERATIONS | Report ID: <br> G-DTE-12A |
| :--- | :---: |
| DEFERRED INCOME TAX EXPENSE--GAS |  |
| For Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2016 |  |
| Average of Monthly Averages Basis |  |
| Ref/asis Achin |  |

AVISTA UTILITIES

System
Washington
Idaho

14410100 Deferred Federal Income Tax Expense - Allocated
99410100 Deferred Federal Income Tax Exp SUBTOTAL

| $15,570,227$ | $10,446,221$ | $5,124,006$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $(822,486)$ | $(417,971)$ | $(404,515)$ |
| $14,747,741$ | $10,028,250$ | $4,719,491$ |

14411100 Deferred Federal Income Tax Expense - Allocated
99411100 Deferred Federal Income Tax Exp SUBTOTAL

Total Deferred Federal Income Tax Expense

| $(37,089)$ | $(24,883)$ | $(12,206)$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $(161,272)$ | $(80,487)$ | $(80,785)$ |
| $(198,361)$ | $(105,370)$ | $(92,991)$ |


| $14,549,380$ | $9,922,880$ | $4,626,500$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |


| ALLOCATION RATIOS: |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| G-ALL | 14 | Net Allocated Schedule M's - AMA | $100.000 \%$ | $67.091 \%$ | $32.909 \%$ |
| G-ALL | 99 | Not Allocated | $0.000 \%$ | $0.000 \%$ | $0.000 \%$ |

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Avista Corporation, Natural Gas Services
Calculation of Excess Deferred Federal Income Tax ("EDFIT") Reserve and Amortization Using the Alternative Method (\$000)

| ADIT Book/Tax Difference | Per Books ADIT @ 35\% Rate | Com. Basis <br> Adjusted ADIT @ 35\% Rate | Reverse Old Gross Up Rate | Cum. <br> Book/Tax Differnce Amount | Apply New GrossUp Rate | TCJA <br> ADIT @ 21\% Rate | Reserve for EDFIT | Amort. Rate | EDFIT Amort. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ADFIT - Gas Plant In Service | $(63,730)$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Intangible |  | (296) | 35\% | (846) | 21\% | (178) | (118) | 20.00\% (a) | (24) |
| UG Storage |  | $(3,884)$ | 35\% | $(11,096)$ | 21\% | $(2,330)$ | $(1,553)$ | 1.59\% (b) | (25) |
| Distribution |  | $(57,302)$ | 35\% | $(163,719)$ | 21\% | $(34,381)$ | $(22,921)$ | 2.52\% \| | (578) |
| General (Direct) |  | $(2,573)$ | 35\% | $(7,353)$ | 21\% | $(1,544)$ | $(1,029)$ | 5.00\% \| | (51) |
| ADFIT - Common Plant (282900 from C-DTX) | $(9,325)$ | $(9,231)$ | 35\% | $(26,374)$ | 21\% | $(5,539)$ | $(3,692)$ | 8.43\% \| | (311) |
| ADFIT - Common Plant (283750 from C-DTX) | (217) | (94) | 35\% | (270) | 21\% | (57) | (38) | 8.43\% / | (3) |
| ADFIT - Gas portion of Bond Redemptions | (584) | (584) | 35\% | $(1,668)$ | 21\% | (350) | (234) | 20.00\% (c) | (47) |
| AFUDC-CWIP Intangibles | - | (217) | 35\% | (620) | 21\% | (130) | (87) | 1.59\% (d) | (1) |
| Total ADIT (Restated) | $(73,856)$ | $(74,181)$ |  | $(211,946)$ |  | $(44,509)$ | $(29,672)$ |  | $(1,040)$ |
| Check | - | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | A: Tab 4, E-ROO | T/A: Tab 4, R-Ttl |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Adj. 3.10 Pro-Forma Plant |  | $(2,602)$ | 35\% | $(7,434)$ | 21\% | $(1,561)$ | $(1,041)$ | 2.52\% (e) | (26.23) |
| Total (Pro forma) |  | $(76,783)$ |  | $(219,381)$ |  | $(46,070)$ | $(30,713)$ |  | (1,066.222) |
| Check |  | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | T/A: Tab 4, PF-Tt\| |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

(a) Assume 5-year life as used by the Company for software in its post-test period pro forma capital adjustment
(c) Composite depreciation rate from depreciation study.
(d) Bond life unknonwn, estimated to reverse over five years
(e) Composite rate for intangibles from depreciation study
(e) Composite rate for distribution from depreciation study

## AVISTA UTILITIES

Gas Accumulated Deferred Taxes
Average - Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2016

|  |  | Alloc Basis | Gas System | Washington | Idaho |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ACCELERATED TAX DEPRECIATION |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gas North | Intangible | 4 | $(421,028)$ | $(295,928)$ | $(125,100)$ |
|  | UG Storage | 1 | $(5,506,458)$ | $(3,883,705)$ | $(1,622,753)$ |
|  | Distribution | 12 | $(85,136,082)$ | $(57,301,691)$ | $(27,834,391)$ |
|  | General (Direct) | 13 | $(3,623,302)$ | $(2,573,486)$ | $(1,049,816)$ |
| General/Intangible | CD AA | 4 | $(13,133,167)$ | $(9,230,909)$ | $(3,902,258)$ |
| General/Intangible | CD AN | 12 | $(140,391)$ | $(94,492)$ | $(45,900)$ |
| Total Plant DFIT |  |  | (107,960,429) | $(73,380,212)$ | (34,580,217) |
| AFUDC-CWIP Intangibles |  | 4 | $(308,777)$ | $(217,030)$ | $(91,747)$ |
| FMB \& MTN Redeemed |  | 12 | $(867,598)$ | $(583,946)$ | $(283,653)$ |
| Total Other Deferred FIT |  |  | $(1,176,375)$ | $(800,976)$ | $(375,400)$ |
| Total Deferred FIT |  | J | $(109,136,804)$ | $(74,181,188)$ | $(34,955,617)$ |
|  |  |  |  | L |  |
| Amount at 12/31/2016 AMA |  |  | $(109,136,798)$ | $(73,856,318)$ | $(35,280,480)$ |
| Adjustment |  |  | (6) | $(324,870)$ | 324,863 |
| Allocation Notes: |  |  |  |  |  |
| System Contract Demand |  | 1 | 100.000\% | 70.530\% | 29.470\% |
| Jurisdictional four-factor |  | 4 | 100.000\% | 70.287\% | 29.713\% |
| Net gas plant - AMA |  | 12 | 100.000\% | 67.306\% | 32.694\% |
| Net gas general plant - AMA |  | 13 | 100.000\% | 71.026\% | 28.974\% |
| Source of Allocation Factors: Results of Operations Report G-PLT-12A <br> (1) Source: Results of Operations (G-PLT-12A) |  |  |  |  |  |

Avista Corporation, Electric Services
Calculation of the Deferral Related to Excess Taxes Collected in Rates over the Period January 1, 2018 through April 30, 2018 (\$000)

| Line |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 Restating Adjustment Calculation Using Gross-up Method: |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 Rate Base | UE-150204 (Cons.), Order 05, Table A2 | 240,814 |  |  |  |
|  | UE-150204 (Cons) May 1, |  |  |  |  |
| 3 Equity \% | 2015 Stipulation | 48.50\% |  |  |  |
| 4 Equity Portion of Rate Base | Line 2 * Line 3 | 116,795 |  |  |  |
| 5 Return On Equity | UE-150204 (Cons) May 1, 2015 Stipulation | 9.50\% |  |  |  |
| 6 Pretax Return On Equity (35\% Rate) | Line 5 * (1-35\%) | 14.62\% |  |  |  |
| 7 Pretax Equity Returns Required (35\% Rate) | Line 4 * Line 5 | 17,070.01 |  |  |  |
| 8 Pretax Return on Equity (21\% Rate) | Line 7 * (1-21\%) | 12.03\% |  |  |  |
| 9 Pretax Equity Return (21\% Rate) | Line * Line 7 | 14,044.94 |  |  |  |
| 10 Annual Equity Return Differential (35\% to 21\% Rate) | Line 9 * Line | $(3,025)$ |  |  |  |
| 11 Monthly Deferral Calculation |  | 1/1/2018 | 2/1/2018 | 3/1/2018 | 4/1/2018 |
| 12 Monthly Return Diff. at Restated 21 \% Tax Rate | Line 10 / 12 | 252 | 252 | 252 | 252 |
| 13 Monthly EDFIT Amortization | Tab 6a | (89) | (89) | (89) | (89) |
| 14 Monthly EDFIT Amortization (Pretax) | Line 13 / (1-21\%) | (112) | (112) | (112) | (112) |
| 15 Total Deferred Amounts | Line 13 + Line 14 | 163 | 163 | 163 | 163 |
| 16 Carrying Charge (Per Mo. at Pre-tax ROR) |  | 3.14\% | 3.14\% | 3.14\% | 3.14\% |
| 17 Balance |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18 Beginning Balance |  | - | 163 | 326 | 490 |
| 19 Deferral | Line 15 | 163 | 163 | 163 | 163 |
| 20 Interest | Line 16 * (Line 17 + Line 18/2) | 3 | 8 | 13 | 18 |
| 21 Ending Balance | $\sum$ Lines 18:20 | 163 | 326 | 490 | 653 |

Avista Corporation, Electric Services
Amortization of the Deferral for Excess Taxes Collected in Rates Over the Period January 1, 2018 through April 30, 2018 (\$000)

| Month | Beg <br> Balance | Amortization | Interest Rate | Interest | Ending <br> Balance |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5/1/2018 | 653 | (42) | 3.14\% | 23 | 634 |  |
| 6/1/2018 | 634 | (42) | 3.14\% | 23 | 615 |  |
| 7/1/2018 | 615 | (42) | 3.14\% | 22 | 595 |  |
| 8/1/2018 | 595 | (42) | 3.14\% | 21 | 575 |  |
| 9/1/2018 | 575 | (42) | 3.14\% | 21 | 554 |  |
| 10/1/2018 | 554 | (42) | 3.14\% | 20 | 532 |  |
| 11/1/2018 | 532 | (42) | 3.14\% | 19 | 510 |  |
| 12/1/2018 | 510 | (42) | 3.14\% | 19 | 486 |  |
| 1/1/2019 | 486 | (42) | 3.14\% | 18 | 463 |  |
| 2/1/2019 | 463 | (42) | 3.14\% | 17 | 438 |  |
| 3/1/2019 | 438 | (42) | 3.14\% | 16 | 413 |  |
| 4/1/2019 | 413 | (42) | 3.14\% | 16 | 386 |  |
| 5/1/2019 | 386 | (42) | 3.14\% | 15 | 359 |  |
| 6/1/2019 | 359 | (42) | 3.14\% | 14 | 332 |  |
| 7/1/2019 | 332 | (42) | 3.14\% | 13 | 303 |  |
| 8/1/2019 | 303 | (42) | 3.14\% | 12 | 273 |  |
| 9/1/2019 | 273 | (42) | 3.14\% | 11 | 243 |  |
| 10/1/2019 | 243 | (42) | 3.14\% | 10 | 211 |  |
| 11/1/2019 | 211 | (42) | 3.14\% | 9 | 179 |  |
| 12/1/2019 | 179 | (42) | 3.14\% | 8 | 145 |  |
| 1/1/2020 | 145 | (42) | 3.14\% | 7 | 110 |  |
| 2/1/2020 | 110 | (42) | 3.14\% | 6 | 75 |  |
| 3/1/2020 | 75 | (42) | 3.14\% | 5 | 38 |  |
| 4/1/2020 | 38 | (42) | 3.14\% | 4 | 0 | <-Goal Seek to Zero |
| Annual Am | zation: | (501) |  |  |  |  |

## BEFORE THE

## WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

|  | ) |
| :---: | :---: |
| WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND | ) |
| TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION | ) |
|  | ) DOCKETS UE-170485 and |
| Complainant, | ) UG-170486 (Consolidated) |
|  | ) |
| v. | ) |
|  | ) ICNU-NWIGU RESPONSE TO |
| AVISTA CORPORATION d/b/a | ) BENCH REQUEST NO. 1 |
| AVISTA UTILITIES | ) ATTACHMENT BENCH |
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## AVISTA CORPORATION

ESTIMATED SURVIVOR CURVES, NET SALVAGE, ORIGINAL COST, BOOK RESERVE AND
CALCULATED ANNUAL DEPRECIATION ACCRUALS RELATED TO ELECTRIC, GAS AND COMMON PLANT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2010


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$\Sigma(b) / \Sigma(a)=2.24 \%$
(a) $\begin{array}{llll}262,302,489 & 153,629,768 & 7,400,429 & \text { (b) }\end{array}$

## AVISTA CORPORATION

ESTIMATED SURVIVOR CURVES, NET SALVAGE, ORIGINAL COST, BOOK RESERVE AND
CALCULATED ANNUAL DEPRECIATION ACCRUALS RELATED TO ELECTRIC, GAS AND COMMON PLANT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2010

|  | Depreciable Group | $\begin{gathered} \begin{array}{c} \text { Survivor } \\ \text { Curve } \end{array} \\ \hline \text { (2) } \end{gathered}$ | $\frac{\begin{array}{c} \text { Net } \\ \text { Salvage } \end{array}}{(3)}$ | Original Cost <br> as of <br> December 31,2010 <br> (4) | BookReserve |  | Calculated Annual Accrual |  | Composite Remaining Life |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Amount | Rate |  |
|  | (1) |  |  |  |  | (6) | (7) | $\overline{(8)=(7) /(4)}$ | (9)=(6)/(7) |
| Hydro Production Plant |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 330.1 | Asset Agreement - Settlement |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Little Falls | 50-SQ | 0 | 4,200,000.00 | 1,200,425 | 2,999,575 | 83,095 | 1.98 | 36.1 |
| 330.3 | Removing Property of Others |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Little Falls | 100-R4 | 0 | 13,033.60 | 2,473 | 11,161 | 457 | 3.35 | 24.4 |
|  | Long Lake | 100-R4 | 0 | 171,079.55 | 25,510 | 145,570 | 4,043 | 2.36 | 36.0 |
|  | Spokane Upper Falls | 100-R4 | 0 | 63,563.76 | 11,849 | 51,715 | 2,328 | 3.66 | 22.2 |
|  | Nine Mile | 100-R4 | 0 | 9,936.75 | 1,105 | 8,832 | 246 | 2.48 | 35.9 |
|  | Post Falls | 100-R4 | 0 | 23,166.89 | 3,820 | 19,347 | 933 | 4.03 | 20.7 |
|  | Cabinet Gorge | 100-R4 | 0 | 6,783,238.89 | 909,902 | 5,873,335 | 135,988 | 2.00 | 43.2 |
|  | Noxon Rapids | 100-R4 | 0 | 29,413,621.64 | 3,579,808 | 25,833,814 | 135,988 <br> 529,362 | 2.80 1.80 | 48.8 |
|  | Total Account 330.3 |  |  | 36,478,239.08 | 4,534,467 | 31,843,774 | 673,357 | 1.85 | 47.4 |
| 330.31 | Twin Creek Channel Restoration |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Cabinet Gorge | 100-R4 | 0 | 242,033.02 | 16,492 | 225,541 | 3,694 | 1.53 | 61.1 |
| 330.4 | Land Easements |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Little Falls | 75-R3 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Long Lake | 75-R3 | 0 | 246,562.25 | 126,656 |  | 10,903 | 5.60 4.42 | 8.0 11.0 |
|  | Nine Mile | 75-R3 | 0 | 979.50 | 126,622 522 | 119,906 458 | 10,903 | 4.42 4.29 | 11.0 10.9 |
|  | Post Falls | 75-R3 | 0 | 2,708,437.11 | 784,439 | 1,023,998 | 76,225 | 4.29 2.81 | 10.9 25.2 |
|  | Cabinet Gorge | 75-R3 | 0 | 365,924.35 | 149,818 | 216,106 | 8,518 | 2.33 | 25.2 25.4 |
|  | Noxon Rapids | 75-R3 | 0 | 10,607.41 | 3,954 | 6,653 | 221 | 2.08 | 30.1 |
|  | Total Account 330.4 |  |  | 3,336,137.29 | 1,067,396 | 2,268,741 | 96,112 | 2.88 | 23.6 |
| 330.41 | Land Easements - Conservation - Habitat |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Cabinet Gorge | 75-R3 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Noxon Rapids | 75-R3 | 0 | $333,906.35$ <br> $550,000.00$ | $\begin{array}{r}27,123 \\ 61,219 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 306,783 \\ 488,781 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 5,436 \\ & 8,254 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | 1.63 1.50 | $\begin{aligned} & 56.4 \\ & 59.2 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | Total Account 330.41 |  |  | 883,906,35 | 88,342 | 795,564 | 13,690 | 1.55 | 58.1 |
| 331 | Structures and Improvements |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Monroe Street | 110-R2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Little Falls | 110-R2 | (20) | 1,184,973.99 | $1,816,09$ 450,268 | 7,971,701 | 135,333 | 1.71 | 56.9 42.3 |
|  | Long Lake | 110-R2 | (20) | 1,924,658.36 | 820,845 | 1,488,745 | 38,256 | 1,99 | 38.9 |
|  | Nine Mile | 110-R2 | (20) | 552,828.89 | 261,662 | 401,733 | 9,785 | 1.77 | 41.1 |
|  | Post Falls | 110-R2 | (20) | 3,943,109.90 | 1,104,855 | 3,626,877 | 77,930 | 1.98 | 46.5 |
|  | Cabinet Gorge | 110-R2 | (20) | $1,231,528.17$ $9.846,51603$ | 302,659 | 1,175,175 | 25,785 | 2.09 | 45.6 |
|  | Noxon Rapids | 110-R2 | (20) | 9,846,516.03 $12,789,369.09$ | 4,217.211 | 7,598,608 | 147,680 | 1.50 | 51.5 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 58.4 |
|  | Total Account 331 |  |  | 39,408,856.59 | 13,259,567 | 34,031,062 | 647,151 | 1.64 | 52.6 |
| 331.1 | Structures and Improvements - Fish and Wildilife Conservation |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Monroe Street |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Long Lake | 50-S2.5 | 0 | 64,872.23 | 52.577 | [r33 | 2 | 0.97 | 26.5 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 52,577 | 12,295 | 392 | 0.60 | 31.4 |

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|  | Depreciable Group | $\frac{\begin{array}{c} \text { Survivor } \\ \text { Curve } \end{array}}{\text { (2) }}$ | $\begin{array}{c}\text { Net } \\ \text { Salvage }\end{array}$ (3) | $\begin{gathered} \begin{array}{c} \text { Original Cost } \\ \text { as of } \\ \text { December } 31,2010 \end{array} \\ \hline(4) \end{gathered}$ | BookReserve (5) | Future <br> Book Accruals | Calculated Annual Accrual |  | Composite Remaining Life |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Amount | Rate |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | (7) | $\overline{(8)=(7) /(4)}$ | $\overline{(9)=(6) / 7)}$ |
| 332.2 | Reservoirs, Dams and Waterways - Recreation |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Little Falls | 60-S1 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Long Lake | 60-S1 | 0 | 105,639.43 |  | 9,600 | 286 | 1.85 | 36.1 |
|  | Spokane Upper Falls | 60-S1 | 0 | 61,643.84 | 19,533 | 42,111 | 1,919 | 1.82 | 31.3 |
|  | Nine Mile | $60-\mathrm{S} 1$ | 0 | 92,744.40 | 28,389 | 42,171 | 1.140 | 1.85 | 36.9 372 |
|  | Post Falls | $60-51$ | 0 | 268,669.62 | 106,464 | 162,206 | 4783 | 1.78 | 37.2 |
|  | Cabinet Gorge | 60-51 | 0 | 107,152.79 | 34,059 | 73,094 | 1851 | 1.73 | 33.9 39.5 |
|  | Noxon Rapids | 60-S1 | 0 | 97,935.99 | 33,611 | 64,325 | 1.663 | 1.7 | 39.5 38.7 |
|  | Total Account 332.2 |  |  | 748,151.67 | 272,330 | 475,822 |  |  |  |
| 333 | Turbines and Generators |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Monroe Street |  | (10) | 11,030,835.12 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Little Falls | 65-R1.5 | (10) | 3,971,075.62 | 2,373,043 | 9,760,876 | 214,664 | 1.95 | 45.5 |
|  | Long Lake | 65-R1.5 | (10) | $3,971,075,62$ $8,823,605.08$ | 1,162,942 | 3,205,241 | 95,338 | 2.40 | 33.6 |
|  | Spokane Upper Falls | 65-R1.5 | (10) | 1,188,151.30 | 404,339 | -900,427 | 216,908 30,082 | 2.46 | 33.3 |
|  | Nine Mile | 65-R1.5 | (10) | 9,627,201.18 | 2,163,317 | 8,426,604 | 208,854 | 2.53 | 30.0 |
|  | Post Falls | 65-R1.5 | (10) | 2,233,650.87 | 854,174 | 1,602,842 | 54,072 | 2.42 | 40.3 29.6 |
|  | Cabinet Gorge | 65-R1.5 | (10) | 37,440,635,41 | 7,573,312 | 33,611,387 | 765,416 | 2.04 | 43.9 |
|  | Noxon Rapids | 65-R1.5 | (10) | 75,262,907.26 | 12,234,142 | 70,555,056 | 1,488,926 | 1.98 | 47.5 |
|  | Total Account 333 |  |  | 149,576,061.84 | 29,258,071 | 135,275,597 | 3,072,240 | 2.05 | 44.0 |
| 334 | Accessory Electric Equipment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Monroe Street | 38-R2.5 | (5) | 1,679,385.33 | 654,943 | 1,108,412 |  |  |  |
|  | Little Falls | 38-R2.5 | (5) | 2,027,138.53 | 895,178 | 1,233,317 | 55,565 | 2.74 | 23.4 |
|  | Long Lake | 38-R2.5 | (5) | 2,823,133.72 | 1,289,645 | 1,674,645 | 74,349 | 2.63 | 22.2 22.5 |
|  | Spokane Upper Fatls Nine Mile | 38-R2.5 | (5) | 4,268,226.44 | 282,128 | 4,199,510 | 119,809 | 2.81 | 22.5 35.1 |
|  | Post Falls | 38-R2.5 | (5) | 2,836,793.96 | 1,105,641 | 1,662,993 | 73,957 | 2.80 | 22.5 |
|  | Cabinet Gorge | 38-R2.5 | (5) (5) | 715,555.29 | 389,099 | 362,234 | 19,896 | 2.78 | 18.2 |
|  | Noxon Rapids | 38-R2.5 | (5) | 14,201,208.10 | 3,222,663 | $\begin{array}{r} 3,205,691 \\ 11,688,606 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 162,337 $386,089$ | 2.97 2.79 | 19.7 29.5 |
|  | Total Account 334 |  |  | 33,808,808.94 | 10,363,842 | 25,135,408 | 949320 | 21 |  |
| 335 | Miscellaneous Power Plant Equipment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Monroe Street | 65-R1.5 | 0 | 33,563.70 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Little Falls | 65-R1.5 | 0 | 144,436.85 | 103,857 | 40,262 | 399 | 1.19 | 48.3 |
|  | Long Lake | 65-R1.5 | 0 | 529,440,48 | 274,853 | 254,587 | 6,455 | 1.22 | 40.6 39.4 |
|  | Spokane Upper Falis Nine Mile | 65-R1.5 | 0 | 106,857.48 | 60,508 | 46,349 | 1,126 | 1.05 | 39.4 |
|  | Post Falls | $65-\mathrm{R1} 15$ | 0 | 298,788.36 | 189,805 | 108,983 | 2,599 | 0.88 | 41.2 |
|  | Cabinet Gorge | 65-R1.5 | 0 | 222,773.24 | 114,725 | 108,048 | 2.566 | 1.15 | 42.1 |
|  | Noxon Rapids | $65-R 1.5$ $65-R 1.5$ | - | 2,498,837.66 | 2,028,635 | 470,203 | 9,426 | 0.38 | 49.9 |
|  |  |  |  | 3,003,969.21 | 1,716,604 | 1,287,365 | 24,018 | 0.80 | 53.6 |
|  | Total Account 335 |  |  | 6,836,666.98 | 4,503,289 | 2,333,377 | 47,588 | 0.70 | 49.0 |

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|  | Depreciable Group | $\begin{gathered} \begin{array}{c} \text { Survivor } \\ \text { Curve } \end{array} \\ (2) \end{gathered}$ | Net <br> Salvage (3) | Original Cost <br> as of <br> December 31, 2010 <br> (4) | BookReserve (5) | Future <br> Book <br> Accruals <br> (8) | Calculated Annual Accrual |  |  | Composite Remaining Life |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Amount |  | Rate |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | (7) |  | $\frac{8}{(8)=(7) /(4)}$ | $\frac{\text { Lle }}{(9)=(8) /(7)}$ |
| 344 | Generators |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Kettle Falls | 45-R1 | 0 | 3,718.22 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Northeast Turbine | 45-R1 | 0 | 2,605,231.80 | 2,123,628 | 2,519 481,604 | 152 65,082 |  | 4.09 20 | 16.6 7.4 |
|  | Boulder Park | 45-R1 | 0 | 30,610,885.13 | 6,354,332 | 24,256,553 | 900,082 |  | 2.50 2.94 | 7.4 28.9 |
|  | Rathdrum Turbine | 45-R1 | 0 | 48,858,107,18 | 9,180,332 | 39,697,775 | 1,840,677 |  | 2.94 3.77 | 26.9 21.8 |
|  | Lancaster | 45-R1 | 0 | 208,505.82 | 3,410 | 205,096 | 7,719 |  | 3.70 | 21.6 26.6 |
|  | Coyoted Springs 2 | 45-R1 | , | 116,984,016.85 | 18,962,753 | 98,021,264 | 3,514,381 |  | 3.00 | 27.9 |
|  | Total Account 344 |  |  | 199,270,465.00 | 36,605,654 | 162,664,811 | 8,328,183 |  | 3.18 | 25.7 |
| 344.01 | Generators - Solar |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Central Operations Facility | 25-S2.5 | 0 | 63,328.00 | 3,298 | 60,030 | 3,356 |  | 5.30 | 17.9 |
| 345 | Accessory Electric Equipment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Ketlie Falls | 20-S2 |  | 4,893.78 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Northeast Turbine | 20-52 | (5) | 1,158,405.64 | 67,842 | 1,148,484 | 144,714 |  | 12.68 | 11.4 79 |
|  | Boulder Park | 20-52 | (5) | 345,181.77 | 64,378 | 1,148,484 | 144,714 20,827 |  | 12.49 6.03 | 7.9 14.3 |
|  | Rathdrum Turbine | 20-S2 | (5) | 2,567,151.03 | 391,197 | 2,304,312 | 151,148 |  | 6.03 5.89 | 14.3 15.2 |
|  | Coyoted Springs 2 | 20-S2 | (5) | 12,701,072.60 | 2,863,214 | 10,472,912 | 780,035 |  | 6.14 | 13.4 |
|  | Total Account 345 |  |  | 16,776,704.82 | 3,388,032 | 14,227,508 | 1,097,049 |  | 6.54 | 13.0 |
| 346 | Miscellaneous Power Plant Equipment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Northeast Turbine | 35-R3 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Boulder Park Coyoted Springs 2 | 35-R3 | 0 | 7,200.33 | $\begin{array}{r}1,768 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 58,579 5,432 | $\begin{array}{r}7.544 \\ \hline 207\end{array}$ |  | 2.51 2.87 | 7.8 26.2 |
|  | Coyoted Springs 2 | 35-R3 | 0 | 1,271,476.80 | 245,443 | 1,026,034 | 37,475 |  | 2.95 | 26.2 27.4 |
|  | Total Account 346 |  |  | 1,578,891.93 | 488,847 | 1,090,045 | 45,226 |  | 2.86 | 24.1 |
| Total Other Production Plant |  |  |  | 276,854,888,01 | 63,374,518 | 216,434,437 | 8,937,267 |  | 3.23 |  |
| Transmission Plant |  |  |  |  |  | 210,34, 3 | 8,337,207 |  |  |  |
| 350.3 | Removing Property of Others | 75-R4 | 0 | 1,487,565.91 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 350.4 352 | Land Rights | 75-R4 | 0 | 13,798,944,94 | 3,598,135 | 870,584 $10,200,810$ | 18,389 179,721 |  | 1.24 1.30 1 | 47.6 56.8 |
| 353 | Structures and Improvements | $60-\mathrm{S2}$ | (5) | 16,585,557.68 | 4,312,389 | 13,102,447 | 272,841 |  | 1.65 | 56.8 48.0 |
| 354 | Towers and Fixtures | 45-R2. ${ }^{\text {7 }}$ 4 | (10) (15) | 192,799,947.51 | 63,117,488 | 148,982,454 | 4.496,363 |  | 2.33 | 33.1 |
| 355 | Poles and Fixtures | 65-R2.5 | (15) | 135,112,530.36 | $7,018,574$ 52 | 12,870,369 | 308,670 |  | 1.80 | 41.0 |
| 356 357 | Overhead Conductors and Devices | 65-R2.5 | (10) | 108,159,785.76 | 32,947,521 $\mathbf{3 2 , 7 3 3 , 5 0 5}$ | 102,431,889 | 1,870,988 |  | 1.38 | 54.7 |
| 358 | Underground Conduit | 60-R4 | 0 | 2,605,487.58 | 393,315 | 2,212,173 | 1,716,881 |  | 1.59 | 50.2 |
| 359 | Underground Conductors and Devices Roads and Trails | 50-S2 | 0 | 2,330,071.82 | 662,450 | 1,667,622 | 47,070 |  | 1.64 2.02 | 51.7 35.4 |
|  |  | 65-R4 | 0 | 1,872,245.99 | 636,340 | 1,235,908 | 31,160 |  | 1.66 | 35.4 39.7 |
| Total Transmission Plant |  |  |  | 491,872,957.66 | 186,031,699 | 379,601,513 | 8,984,833 |  | 1.83 |  |
| Distribution Plant |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 360.4 | Land - Easements |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 362 | Structures and Improvements | 60-R2.5 |  | 14,025,699.61 | 4,017 | 1,021,683 | 13,724 |  | 1.34 | 74.4 |
|  | Station Equipment |  | (10) | $14,521,648.54$ $97,095,752.27$ | 4,812,293 | 11,161,520 | 235,862 |  | 1.62 | 47.3 |
|  |  |  |  | 97,095,752.27 | 31,626,546 | 65,469,208 | 1,913,573 |  | 1.97 | 34.2 |

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$\frac{\text { Depreciable Group }}{\text { (1) }}$


| Original Cost |
| :---: |
| as of |
| December 31,2010 |

$(4)$

| Book <br> Reserve |
| :---: |
|  |
| $(5)$ | | Future |
| :---: |
| Book |
| Accruals |$\quad$| Calculated |
| :---: |


| Composite <br> Remaining <br> Life |
| :---: |
| $(9)=(6) /(7)$ |



Total Distributlon Plant
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { General } & \text { Plant } \\ 390.1 & \text { Struclures and Improvements - Company } \\ 392 & \text { Transportation Equipment - Class } 7 \text { and } 8\end{array}$

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| Depreciable Group | Survivor | Net | Original Cost as of | Book |  | Calculated Annual Accrual |  | Composite Remaining Life |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Curve | Salvage | December 31, 2010 | Reserve | Accruals | Amount | Rate |  |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | $\overline{(8)=(7) /(4)}$ | $\overline{(9)=(6) /(7)}$ |

AMORTIZIABLE AND LAND - COMMON PLANT
303 Miscellaneous Intangible Plant
303.1 Misc. Intangible Plant - Soffware
380.2 Structures and improvements - Leasehold

Total Amortiziable and Land - Common Plant

OTAL ELECTRIC, GAS AND COMMON PLANT
194,057.94
$30,482,180.48$ 2,412,521.47 143,735.76
$33,038,437,71$

Life Span Procedure was used. Curve Shown is Interim Survivor Curve.

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January 26, 2018

## SENT VIA WEB PORTAL AND ABC LMI

Steven V. King
Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW
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Olympia, Washington 98504-7250
Re: Wash. Utils. \& Transp. Comm'n v. Avista Corp. (Avista General Rate Case 2017) Dockets UE-170485 and UG-170486 (Consolidated)

Dear Mr. King:
Enclosed please find the original and 10 copies of Public Counsel's Comments on Avista's Response to Bench Request No. 1 with Attachments A through C and a Certificate of Service.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there are any questions on this filing. Thank you.
Sincerely,


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Judge Rayne Pearson (via E-mail)
Judge Marguerite Friedlander (via E-mail)

AVISTA CORPORATION
ELECTRIC DOCKET NO. UE-170485
CALCULATION OF GENERAL REVENUE REQUIREMENT TEST YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 (000s of Dollars)

| Line <br> No. | Description | Amount Per Company |  | Amount Per PC |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Adjusted Rate Base | \$ | 1,472,291 |  | ,472,291 |
| 2 | Rate of Return |  | 7.69\% |  | 7.26\% |
| 3 | Net Operating Income Requirement | \$ | 113,219 | \$ | 106,888 |
| 4 | Adjusted Net Operating Income |  | 89,991 |  | 102,252 |
| 5 | Net Operating Income Deficiency/(Sufficiency) | \$ | 23,229 | \$ | 4,637 |
| 6 | Revenue Conversion Factor |  | 0.61941 |  | 0.61941 |
| 7 | Revenue Deficiency/(Sufficiency) Before Tax Rate Reduction | \$ | 37,501 | \$ | 7,486 |
| 8 | Federal Income Tax Rate Reduction | \$ | $(19,267)$ | \$ | $(17,541)$ |
| 9 | Excess ADIT Amortization, Alternative Method |  | $(8,435)$ |  | $(8,435)$ |
| 10 | Net Change in Rates | \$ | 9,798 | \$ | $(18,491)$ |


| AVISTA | ITIES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | ckets UE-170485 \& U | UG-170486 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Restateme | mmary |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | achment A - Exhibit | No. MEG-3 |
| Washingto | ctric |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Page 2 of 8 |
| TWELVE | NTHS ENDE | DECEMBER 31, 2016 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | dule No. 2 |
| Avista |  |  |  | vista Adjustn |  | PC | Public and/o | Counsel Adju PC Neutral in |  | Public Counsel Position on Avista's | Rev. Req. <br> Impact of |
| Adj. \# | WP Ref | Description of Adjustment | NOI | Rate Base | Rev Req | Adjustment | NOI | Rate Base | $\underline{\text { Rev Req }}$ | Revised Position | Differences |
| 1.00 | E-ROO | Results of Operations | 110,557 | 1,444,926 | 901 |  | 110,557 | 1,444,926 | $(9,130)$ | PC Neutral in Direct | $(10,031)$ |
| 1.01 | E-DFIT | Deferred FIT Rate Base | 8 | 806 | 87 |  | 8 | 806 | 81 | PC Neutral in Direct | (6) |
| 1.02 | E-DDC | Deferred Debits and Credits | (8) | - | 13 |  | (8) | - | 13 | PC Neutral in Direct | 0 |
| 1.03 | E-WC | Working Capital | (30) | $(3,006)$ | (324) |  | (30) | $(3,006)$ | (303) | PC Neutral in Direct | 21 |
| 2.01 | E-EBO | Eliminate B \& O Taxes | (96) | - | 154 |  | (96) | - | 154 | PC Neutral in Direct | 0 |
| 2.02 | E-RPT | Restate Property Tax | 163 | - | (262) |  | 163 | - | (262) | PC Neutral in Direct | 0 |
| 2.03 | E-UE | Uncollect. Expense | (859) | - | 1,386 |  | (859) | - | 1,386 | PC Neutral in Direct | 0 |
| 2.04 | E-RE | Regulatory Expense | (5) | - | 7 |  | (5) | - | 7 | PC Neutral in Direct | 0 |
| 2.05 | E-ID | Injuries and Damages | (98) | - | 158 |  | (98) | - | 158 | PC Neutral in Direct | 0 |
| 2.06 | E-FIT | FIT/DFIT/ ITC Expense | (69) | - | 111 |  | (69) | - | 111 | PC Neutral in Direct | 0 |
| 2.07 | E-OSC | Office Space Charges to Non-Utility | 20 | - | (33) |  | 20 | - | (33) | PC Neutral in Direct | 0 |
| 2.08 | E-RET | Restate Excise Taxes | 40 | - | (65) |  | 40 | - | (65) | PC Neutral in Direct | 0 |
| 2.09 | E-NGL | Net Gains / Losses | 61 | - | (99) |  | 61 | - | (99) | PC Neutral in Direct | 0 |
| 2.10 | E-WN | Weather Normalization | 825 | - | $(1,332)$ |  | 825 | - | $(1,332)$ | PC Neutral in Direct | 0 |
| 2.11 | E-EAS | Eliminate Adder Schedules | - | - | 0 |  | - | - | 0 | PC Neutral in Direct | 0 |
| 2.12 | E-MR | Misc. Restating Non-Util / Non-Rec Exp. | (969) | - | 1,565 |  | (969) | - | 1,565 | PC Neutral in Direct | 0 |
| 2.13 | E-EWPC | Eliminate WA Power Cost Defer | 4,386 | - | $(7,081)$ |  | 4,386 | - | $(7,081)$ | PC Neutral in Direct | 0 |
| 2.14 | E-NPS | Nez Perce Settlement Adjustment | 3 | - | (4) |  | 3 | - | (4) | PC Neutral in Direct | 0 |
| 2.15 | E-RI | Restating Incentives | 407 | - | (657) |  | 407 | - | (657) | PC Neutral in Direct | 0 |
| 2.16 | E-PMM | Normalize CS2/Colstrip Major Maint | \$763 | - | $(1,232)$ |  | \$763 | - | $(1,232)$ | PC Neutral in Direct | 0 |
| 2.17 | E-RDI | Restate Debt Interest | 860 | - | $(1,388)$ |  | 860 | - | $(1,388)$ | PC Neutral in Direct | 0 |
| 2.18 | E-APS | Authorized Power Supply | $(7,696)$ | - | 12,425 |  | $(7,696)$ | - | 12,425 | PC Neutral in Direct | 0 |
| 2.19 | OPEN | OPEN | - | - |  |  | - | - |  | PC Neutral in Direct | 0 |
|  |  | Restated Total | 108,263 | 1,442,726 |  |  | 108,263 | 1,442,726 |  |  |  |
| Pro Forma | ustments |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |  |  |
| 3.01 | E-PTR | Pro Forma Trans/Power Sup Non-ERM Rer | (66) | - | 106 |  | (66) | - | 106 | PC Neutral in Direct | 0 |
| 3.02 | E-PLN | Pro Forma Labor Non-Exec | $(1,862)$ | - | 3,005 (1) | 931 | (931) | - | 1,503 | PC Opposes | $(1,503)$ |
| 3.03 | E-PLE | Pro Forma Labor Exec | 21 | - | (35) |  | 21 | - | (35) | PC Neutral in Direct | 0 |
| 3.04 | E-PEB | Pro Forma Employee Benefits | 234 | - | (378) |  | 234 | - | (378) | PC Neutral in Direct | 0 |
| 3.05 | E-PI | Pro Forma Incentive Expenses | (77) | - | 125 |  | (77) | - | 125 | PC Neutral in Direct | 0 |
| 3.06 | E-PPT | Pro Forma Property Tax | $(1,598)$ | - | 2,579 (2) | 799 | (799) | - | 1,290 | PC Opposes | $(1,290)$ |
| 3.07 | E-CI | Pro Forma IS/IT Expense | (451) | - | 728 |  | (451) | - | 728 | PC Neutral in Direct | 0 |
| 3.08 | E-PREV | Pro Forma Revenue Normalization | $(3,286)$ | - | 5,305 |  | $(3,286)$ | - | 5,305 | PC Neutral in Direct | 0 |
| 3.09 | E-PRA | Pro Forma Def. Debits, Credits \& Regulatoı | 1,013 | $(5,346)$ | $(2,298)$ |  | 1,013 | $(5,346)$ | $(2,261)$ | PC Neutral in Direct | 37 |
| 3.10 | E-PCAP16 | Pro Forma 2017 Threshhold Capital Adds | $(1,741)$ | 34,911 | 7,144 |  | $(1,741)$ | 34,911 | 6,902 | PC Neutral in Direct | (242) |
| 3.11 | E-POFF | Pro Forma O\&M Offsets | 642 | - | $(1,036)$ |  | 642 | - | $(1,036)$ | PC Neutral in Direct | 0 |
| 3.12 | E-PDF | Pro Forma Director Fees Exp | (244) | - | 394 (3) | 244 | - | - | 0 | PC Opposes | (394) |
| 3.13 | E-PNM | PF Normalize CS2/Colstrip Major Maint | (226) | - | 364 |  | (226) | - | 364 | PC Neutral in Direct | 0 |
| 3.14 | E-PUEI | Pro Forma Underground Equip Inspection | (346) | - | 558 |  | (346) | - | 558 | PC Neutral in Direct | 0 |
|  |  | Pro Forma Study (Step 1 increase exclud | 100,278 | 1,472,291 |  |  | 102,252 | 1,472,291 |  | PC Neutral in Direct | 0 |
| 4.00 | E-PPS | Pro Forma Power Supply \& Transm Revs | $(10,288)$ | - | 16,609 (4) | 10,288 | - | - | 0 | PC Opposes | $(16,609)$ |
|  |  | Total Pro Forma Study: Step 1 increases \& | 89,991 | 1,472,291 | 37,501 |  | 102,252 | 1,472,291 | 7,486 |  | $(30,015)$ |

## Public Counsel Adjustments

(1) Reverse $50 \%$ of Company's proposed adjustment to Pyroll Expense
(2) Reverse $50 \%$ of Company's proposed adjustment to Property Tax Expense.
(3) Reverse $100 \%$ of Company's proposed adjustment for Director's Fees.
(4) Reverse $100 \%$ of Company's proposed adjustment for Power Costs.

AVISTA CORPORATION
ELECTRIC DOCKET NO. UE-170485
NON-EXECUTIVE LABOR ADJUSTMENT
TEST YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

Dockets UE-170485 \& UG-170486
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Schedule No. 3
PC-E.3.02

Line
No. Description

1 Total Non-Exec. Labor Adjustment
2 Federal Income Tax Rate

3 Reduction in Federal Income Tax Expense

4 Avista Adjustment to Net Operating Income

5 Remove Half of Company Adjustment

6 PC Adjustment
$\underline{\text { WA-Electric }} \xrightarrow{\text { WA-Gas }}$

| $(2,864)$ | - |
| ---: | :---: |
| $35 \%$ |  |


$(1,862) \xlongequal{-}$
(931) $\qquad$
(931) $\qquad$

Source/Notes:
Exh EMA-2 Pro Forma Study Electric Model; Adj Detail Input Tab

AVISTA CORPORATION
ELECTRIC DOCKET NO. UE-170485
PRO FORMA PROPERTY TAX EXPENSE TEST YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016
(000s of Dollars)

Line
No. Description
1 Pro Forma Property Tax Expense Adjustment

2 Federal Income Tax Rate

3 Reduction in Federal Income Tax Expense

4 Adjustment to Net Operating Income

5 Remove Half of Company Adjustment

6 PC Adjustment

Dockets UE-170485 \& UG-170486
Attachment A - Exhibit No. MEG-3
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Schedule No. 4

| Per PC | Per Avista <br> Adjustment |
| :---: | :---: |

$\qquad$
860
$(1,598)$
(799)
(799) $\qquad$

Source/Notes:
Exh EMA-2 Pro Forma Study Electric Model; Adj Detail Input Tab

AVISTA CORPORATION
ELECTRIC DOCKET NO. UE-170485
DIRECTOR'S FEES
TEST YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016
(000s of Dollars)

Dockets UE-170485 \& UG-170486
Attachment A - Exhibit No. MEG-3
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Schedule No. 5
PC-E.3.06

Line
No. Description
1 Directors Fee per Avista

2 Federal Income Tax Rate

3 Reduction in Federal Income Tax Expense

4 Adjustment to Net Operating Income

5 Remove 100\% of Company Adjustment

6 PC Adjustment

Per PC Per Avista
Adjustment Adjustment
$35 \%$

(244)
(244)

Source/Notes:
Exh EMA-2 Pro Forma Study Electric Model; Adj Detail Input Tab

AVISTA CORPORATION
ELECTRIC DOCKET NO. UE-170485
PRO FORMA MAJOR PLANT ADDITIONS
TEST YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

Dockets UE-170485 \& UG-170486 Attachment A - Exhibit No. MEG-3

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Schedule No. 6

Line
No. Description

1 Power Cost Adjustment

2 Federal Income Tax Rate

3 Reduction in Federal Income Tax Expense

4 Adjustment to Net Operating Income

5 Remove 100\% of Company Adjustment

6 PC Adjustment

Per PC Per Avista
Adjustment Adjustment $(15,827)$

$\qquad$
$(10,288) \quad-$
$(10,288)$
$(10,288)$

Source/Notes:
Exh EMA-2 Pro Forma Study Electric Model; Adj Detail Input Tab

Attachment A - Exhibit No. MEG-3
Page 7 of 8
Schedule No. 7

AVISTA UTILITIES
TRADITIONAL PRO FORMA COST OF CAPITAL WASHINGTON ELECTRIC

| Capital <br> Component | Capital <br> Structure | Cost | Weighted <br> Cost |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Debt | $51.5 \%$ | $5.62 \%$ | $2.89 \%$ |
| Common | $48.5 \%$ | $9.90 \%$ | $4.80 \%$ |
| Total | $100.00 \%$ |  | $7.69 \%$ |

PUBLIC COUNSEL
TRADITIONAL PRO FORMA COST OF CAPITAL WASHINGTON ELECTRIC

| Capital |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Component |$\quad$| Capital |
| :---: |
| Structure |$\quad$ Cost | Weighted |
| :---: |
| Cost |

AVISTA CORPORATION ELECTRIC DOCKET NO. UE-170485 PRO FORMA MAJOR PLANT ADDITIONS TEST YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

Dockets UE-170485 \& UG-170486 Attachment A - Exhibit No. MEG-3

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Schedule No. 8

| Line No. | Description | Amount Per Company | Amount Per PC |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Rate Base (Thousands) | \$ 1,472,291 | \$ 1,472,291 |
| 2 | Weighted Cost of Common Equity | 4.80\% | 4.37\% |
| 3 | 2018 Income Tax Factor 1.265822785 |  |  |
| 4 | 2017 Income Tax Factor 1.538461538 |  |  |
| 5 | Tax Factor Change | -0.27263875 | -0.27263875 |
| 6 | Potential Change in Income Tax Expense (Thousands) | \$ (19,267) | \$ (17,541) |
| 7 | Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes | \$ 361,893 | \$ 361,893 |
| 8 | Excess ADIT Factor (-14\%/35\%) | -0.40 | -0.40 |
| 9 | Excess ADIT (Thousands) | \$ (144,757) | \$ (144,757) |
| 10 | 2018 Income Tax Factor | 1.265822785 | 1.265822785 |
| 11 | Excess ADIT Regulatory Liability | \$ $(183,237)$ | \$ (183,237) |
| 12 | Net Plant \$ 1,772,488 |  |  |
| 13 | Depreciation Expense 81,594 |  |  |
| 14 | Average Life of Plant | 21.72 | 21.72 |
| 15 | Excess ADIT Amortization Under the Alternative Meth | \$ $(8,435)$ | \$ (8,435) |

DOCKET NO. 46831
SOAH DOCKET NO. 473-17-2686

## APPLICATION OF EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY TO CHANGE RATES

## BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

## STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT

Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT or Commission) Docket No. 46831 is the proceeding established to determine the just and reasonable base rates for El Paso Electric Company (EPE or Company). Settlement discussions among the parties to Docket No. 46831 have been held, including for base rate purposes, revenue allocation, and rate design issues. As a result of these discussions, the parties to Docket No. 46831 either agree to or do not oppose the terms of this Stipulation and Agreement, including its attachments (the Agreement). The signatories to the Agreement (Signatories) further agree to support the Commission's implementation of the Agreement. The Agreement provides for a resolution of all base rate issues in this docket.

The Signatories agree that this Agreement results in just and reasonable rates and that the public interest will be served by resolution of the issues in the manner prescribed by this Agreement. Therefore, in consideration of the mutual agreements expressed herein, the Signatories agree and stipulate as follows:

## Article I

## Base Rate Revenue and Rate Issues

A. Overall Revenues: The Signatories agree that the Commission should authorize EPE to implement an overall annual increase of $\$ 14.5$ million in Texas base rate and other revenues over EPE's test year adjusted revenues, effective for electricity consumed on and after July 18, 2017.
B. Future Change to Corporate Federal Income Tax Expense: If the federal statutory corporate income tax rate is decreased before EPE files its next base rate case, then EPE will record, as a regulatory liability, taking into account changes in billing determinants, the difference between (i) the amount of federal income tax expense that EPE collects
through the revenue requirement approved in this proceeding and reflected in its rates and (ii) the amount of federal income tax expense calculated using the new federal statutory income tax rate, taking into account any other federal corporate tax changes, such as the deductibility of interest costs. This regulatory liability will accumulate from (i) the later of (a) the date that the new base rates established in this case for EPE became effective or (b) the date on which the tax rate reduction became effective until (ii) the refund tariff described below becomes effective.

1. EPE will file a refund tariff with the Commission and municipal regulatory authorities within 120 days after the enactment of the law making the tax rate change reflecting (i) the reduction in federal income tax rates and (ii) a credit for the regulatory liability referenced above over a twelve month period. The tariff will calculate the difference in tax expense as the difference in: (i) federal income tax expense collected in rates (i.e., reflecting the federal income tax rate embedded in the tax factor indicated on Attachment 1) and (ii) the federal income taxes that would have been collected in rates had the changes in the federal income tax rates, and other associated changes in the federal income tax calculation, been in effect at the time settlement rates were established. The proposed refund amount will be allocated to rate classes based upon the allocation of rate base as shown in Attachment 2.
2. In each subsequent year, EPE will file to update the refund factor to reflect any over- or under-recovery of federal income tax expense and to reflect any subsequent changes in federal income tax rates or calculations that would affect the settlement income tax calculation reflected on Attachment 1. The refund factors in each subsequent year will be filed within 90 days after the end of EPE's fiscal year. The refund factor will be discontinued upon the effective date of rates in EPE's next base rate case, with a final reconciliation determined at the time of the final order in the base rate case.
3. The amount and timing of the reduction in rates to reflect a federal statutory income tax rate decrease will be subject to any new federal rules or state laws or
regulations that address how a utility's rates should be adjusted to account for the reduction of federal income tax rates.
4. The regulatory treatment of any excess deferred taxes resulting from a reduction in the federal income tax rate will be addressed in EPE's next base rate case.
C. Financial Matters: Effective beginning August 1, 2017, EPE's Weighted Average Cost of Capital (WACC) shall be $7.725 \%$ based upon a $5.922 \%$ Cost of Debt, an authorized Return on Equity (ROE) of $9.65 \%$, and an authorized regulatory capital structure of $51.652 \%$ long-term debt and $48.348 \%$ equity. The foregoing WACC, Cost of Debt, ROE, and capital structure will apply, in accordance with the Public Utility Regulatory Act (PURA) ${ }^{1}$ and Commission rules, in all Commission proceedings or Commission filings requiring application of EPE's Cost of Debt, WACC, ROE, or capital structure to the same extent as if these factors had been determined in a final order in a fully-litigated proceeding.
D. Prudence Finding Regarding Investment: The Signatories agree that all EPE investment through the end of the test year (September 30, 2016), as presented in EPE's rate filing package, is used and useful in providing service, and prudent and included in rate base.
E. Jurisdictional Allocation of Certain Solar Facilities: The Signatories agree that the 50 MW Macho Springs solar power purchase agreement (PPA) (for solar power from the Macho Springs Solar Facility in Luna County, New Mexico) and the 10 MW Newman solar PPA (for solar power from the PSEG El Paso Solar Energy Center in El Paso County, Texas) will be system resources for jurisdictional allocation purposes.
F. Imputed Capacity. The Signatories agree that the classification of costs incurred by EPE as either base rate capacity charges or fuel charges for the 50 MW Macho Springs solar PPA and the 10 MW Newman solar PPA shall be as follows for the term of these contracts: Effective beginning August 1, 2017, the imputed capacity charge for the 50 MW Macho Springs solar PPA shall be $\$ 2.35 / \mathrm{kW}$ per month, and the imputed capacity
[^6]
## APPLICATION OF SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO CHANGE RATES

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##  <br> PUBLIC UTILITY COMMMISSEAK

 of TEXAS
## ORDER

This order addresses the application of Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) for authority to change its rates, filed on December 16,2016 . SWEPCO originally sought a $\$ 69$ million increase to its Texas retail revenue requirement, primarily to reflect investments in environmental controls. However, SWEPCO also proposed a significant modification to the manner in which its transmission costs should be recovered. In addition, SWEPCO sought additional cost recovery for vegetation management, rate-case expenses, and a regulatory asset for certain costs under the Southwest Power Pool's open-access tariff.

A hearing on the merits was held between June 5 and June 15, 2017 at the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). On September 22, 2017, the SOAH administrative law judges (ALJs) filed their proposal for decision (PFD) in which they recommended a Texas retail revenue requirement increase of approximately $\$ 51$ million. The SOAH ALJs rejected SWEPCO's new method to recover transmission costs and recommended granting its requested rate-case expenses, and regulatory asset. In response to parties' exceptions and replies to the PFD, on November 8, 2017, the SOAH ALJs filed a letter making changes to the PFD:

Except as discussed in this order, the Commission adopts the PFD as modified, including findings of fact and conclusions of law. The Commission's decisions result in a Texas retail baserate revenue requirement of $\$ 369,234,023$, which is an increase of $\$ 50,001,133$ from SWEPCO's present Commission-authorized Texas retail base-rate revenue requirement. New findings of fact 17A through 17J are added to address the procedural history of this docket after the close of the evidentiary record at SOAH. The Commission incorporates by reference the abbreviations table provided in the PFD.
quantify the cost in dollars to generate the next MWh for an online generating unit at a given operating point.
346. The evidence establishes that SWEPCO has correctly bid its coal units into the SPP IM based on the incremental costs of the units and has realized revenues in excess of the associated incremental costs from the SPP IM.

## Change to Corporate Federal-Income-Tax Expense

346A. It is appropriate for the Commission's order to address changes to SWEPCO's corporate federal-income-tax expense.

346B. It is appropriate for the Commission to require SWEPCO to record, as a regulatory liability, taking into account changes in billing determinants, the difference between (a) the amount of federal-income-tax expense that SWEPCO collects through the revenue requirement approved in this proceeding and reflected in its rates and (b) the amount of federal-incometax expense calculated using the new federal-income-tax rate, taking into account any other federal-corporate-tax changes, such as the deductibility of interest costs.

## III. Conclusions of Law

1. SWEPCO is subject to the Public Utility Regulatory Act (PURA). Tex. Util. Code §§11.001-58.302 (West 2016 \& Supp. 2017), §§ 59.001-66.016 (West 2007 \& Supp. 2017).
2. SWEPCO is a public utility as that term is defined in PURA § 11.004(1) and an electric utility as that term is defined in PURA § 31.002(6)
3. The Commission exercises regulatory authority over SWEPCO, and jurisdiction over the subject matter of this application under PURA §§ 14.001, 32.001, 32.101, 33.002, 33.051, and 36.001-. 112 .

3A. The Commission's jurisdiction to establish rates extends beyond the date a proposed rate is suspended. PURA $\S \S 36.003-.004,36.051-.065,36.108$ (c), and 36.111.
4. SOAH has jurisdiction over matters related to the conduct of the hearing and the preparation of a proposal for decision in this docket, under PURA § 14.053 and Tex. Gov't. Code § 2003.049.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF OKLAHOMA GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR AN ORDER OF THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZING APPLICANT TO MODIFY ITS , RATES, CHARGES, AND TARIFFS FOR RETAIL ELECTRIC SERVICE IN OKLAHOMA
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CORPORATION COMMISSION OF OKLAHOMA

Direct Testimony
of
Donald R. Rowlett
on behalf of
Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company

January 16, 2018

Donald R. Rowlett

Direct Testimony
Q. Please state your name, position, by whom you are employed, and your business address.
A. My name is Donald R. Rowlett. I am the Managing Director of Regulatory Affairs for Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company ("OG\&E"). My business address is 321 N. Harvey Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102.
Q. Please state your educational qualifications and employment history.
A. I earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business with an accounting emphasis (1980) and a Master's in Business Administration (1992), from Oklahoma City University. I have also completed all work, except for the dissertation, on a Ph.D. from Oklahoma State University in Business Administration. I joined OG\&E in 1989. I currently serve as Managing Director of Regulatory Affairs where I am responsible for overseeing the Company's economic regulatory activities with the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, the Arkansas Public Service Commission and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. I have served in various financial roles in the Company including ten years as Vice President, Controller and Chief Accountant. As the Company's Controller I was responsible for financial and operations accounting, federal, state and local income and property taxes and budgeting. I have also made investor presentations and participated in numerous public equity and debt offerings. Prior to joining OG\&E, I was employed by Arthur Andersen \& Co. as a financial consultant and audit manager. During my employment, I performed audits of financial statements in a variety of industries. Additionally, I prepared filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and provided clients with guidance on the financial reporting requirements of the SEC and Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP").

OG\&E's books. OG\&E recommends amortizing this regulatory liability over 5-years. Pension expenses have decreased over the last several years, in large part, due to a declining number of participants in the defined benefit plan. The reduction resulted in an over-recovery. The annual amortization would reduce OG\&E's annual jurisdictional revenue requirement by approximately $\$ 8$ million. Combined with the annual pension expense reduction of approximately $\$ 23$ million and the elimination of the previous pension liability amortization of approximately $\$ 5$ million, the overall reduction in revenue requirement due to pension savings is approximately $\$ 27$ million. The Pension Tracker is further discussed by OG\&E witness Thenmadathil.

## Income Tax Treatment

## Q. How has OG\&E addressed the Tax and Jobs Act of 2017 ("TCJA" or the "Act"))?

A. OG\&E has incorporated the changes in federal income tax rates and other provisions of the Act in determining its revenue requirement as shown on Schedule A. The TCJA creates three opportunities to reduce customer rates.

First, the federal corporate income tax rate has been reduced from $35 \%$ to $21 \%$, resulting in an approximate $\$ 63$ million reduction in OG\&E's annual revenue requirement. The new federal income tax rate is reflected in this application on the schedules in Section J of the MFR package.

Second, OG\&E's current rates for electric service reflect a $35 \%$ federal income tax rate. Beginning January 1, 2018, OG\&E's federal income tax rate dropped to $21 \%$. OG\&E began recording a regulatory liability for the difference in the provision for income taxes based on the $35 \%$ federal income tax rate and the amount that would have been provided had rates been based on a $21 \%$ federal rate. In accordance with Commission Order No. 671982 in Cause No. 201700569, the Company will accrue a carrying charge on that liability at the $7.0667 \%$ weighted cost of capital. OG\&E proposes that the amount accumulated in the regulatory liability be returned to customers through an income tax rider.

Third, OG\&E has recorded accumulated deferred income taxes ("ADIT") for temporary differences between book and tax income. These accumulated income taxes are currently based on a $35 \%$ federal corporate income tax rate. With the passage of the

TCJA, the deferred income tax liability must be remeasured at the $21 \%$ income tax rate. OG\&E has previously included the provision for deferred income taxes in determining its revenue requirement. The difference between the ADIT balance previously recorded and the remeasured amount should be recorded as a regulatory liability. OG\&E's billed revenues will be lower in the future as a result of returning excess deferred income taxes to customers. The regulatory liability should be grossed up for the income tax benefit that OG\&E will realize. This regulatory liability, when grossed up for income taxes, is approximately $\$ 1$ billion. The current year turnaround of the excess deferred income taxes results in a reduction to OG\&E's revenue requirement of approximately $\$ 7$ million.

Chart 2: Income Tax Impact on Revenue Requirement

Q. How will this regulatory liability for excess deferred income taxes be returned to OG\&E's customers?
A. OG\&E will follow the normalization provisions of Section 203 (e)(2)(B) of the 1986 Tax Reform Act that prescribes the Company use the Average Rate Assumption Method ("ARAM"). OG\&E's revenue requirement will be reduced in the year that the temporary differences that gave rise to the accumulated deferred income taxes turnaround. Revenues
will decrease by the difference between the rate used to accrue them (35\%) and the tax rate used to determine how much will be paid (21\%).
Q. Does the level of book/tax differences turning around stay constant?
A. No. The level of temporary differences turning around will slowly increase over time. As more vintage year additions reach the point where book depreciation expense exceeds tax depreciation.
Q. How does OG\&E propose handle this increase in the turnaround of excess deferred income taxes?
A. OG\&E proposes to record the difference between the level of turnaround of excess deferred income taxes included in rates and actual level that occurs in subsequent years as a regulatory liability. OG\&E further proposes that the amount accumulated in the regulatory liability be returned to customers monthly using the proposed Federal Tax Change and Production Tax Credit ("FTCPTC") Rider, which is discussed more fully by OG\&E witness Cash.
Q. Will the Company retain any benefits from the tax changes and are customers harmed by your treatment?
A. No. The Company's approach to incorporating the tax changes into our filing preserve for our customers all the benefits of the federal tax rate reduction beginning on January 1, 2018, the effective date of the new law.
Q. When will customers begin to recognize the benefits of the tax changes?
A. The Company will begin tracking the benefits of lower tax rates effective January 1 , 2018. Customers will begin to recognize the benefits of the lower tax rates when new rates are implemented in this Cause.

## Q. What will be included in the FTCPTC rider?

A. The Rider will include three factors, which are:

1. Federal Tax Change ("FTC") factor,
2. Amortization of the Regulatory Liability ("ARL") factor, and
3. Production Tax Credit ("PTC") factor.

The mechanics and a copy of the proposed FTCPTC rider are attached and discussed in detail in the direct testimony of OG\&E witness Cash.

## Q. What is a PTC?

A. A PTC is a tax credit which reduces the income taxes of qualified tax-paying owners of renewable energy projects based on the electrical output (measured in kilowatt-hours, or kWh ) of grid-connected renewable energy facilities. The PTC is an incentive that provides financial support for development of renewable energy facilities. Companies, like OG\&E, that generate electricity from wind, or other renewables are eligible for a federal PTC for the first ten years of renewable energy facility's operation. Currently, this PTC incentive is $\$ 0.024$ per kWh . The Oklahoma state PTC provides a $\$ 0.0025$ per kWh incentive for facilities placed in service prior to January 1,2007 and a $\$ 0.005$ per kWh incentive for facilities placed in service after January 1, 2007. PTCs have been used to reduce the income tax expense component of the Company's cost of service and the PTC's have been used to reduce the cost recovered through individual project riders.
Q. Were PTCs addressed in OG\&E's last rate case?
A. Yes. In Cause No. 201500273, Final Order 662059, the Commission allowed recovery through the Fuel Clause Adjustment for those PTCs associated with Centennial Wind Farm, expiring in 2017. However, the Commission found that the ratemaking treatment for all subsequently expiring PTCs should be addressed in a subsequent rate case or some other proceeding.
Q. What treatment is OG\&E requesting for Production Tax Credits ("PTCs")?
A. OG\&E is requesting that a rider be established to track the difference between the PTCs customers are receiving in base rates versus the actual PTCs received from the OU Spirit
and Crossroads wind farms operations. The purpose of this rider is to account for the variability of PTCs due to the fluctuating wind generation and plan for the scheduled expiration of the PTCs associated with OU Spirit and Crossroads facilities.

## Q. Are there any other reasons for this change?

A. Yes. As mentioned above, the PTCs are available for the first ten years of production from the facility. Beginning in the eleventh year, the PTCs are no longer available. By implementing this PTC rider, the level of PTCs credited to customers can be adjusted to reflect the actual level of credits being generated.
Q. Does this change impact the revenue requirement requested in this Cause?
A. No. There is no impact to revenue requirement in this Cause.
Q. When do the PTCs for OU Spirit and Crossroads expire?
A. OU Spirit PTCs expire in December of 2019, while the last of the Crossroads PTCs will expire in March of 2022. By establishing a rider now, the Company can accurately reflect the PTCs being earned each month. If the current treatment of PTCs is left unchanged, once the credits begin to expire, customers will be receiving the benefit, while the Company no longer receives the tax credit. The mechanics of the proposed FTCPTC Rider is fully discussed by OG\&E witness Cash.

## Q. Will customers benefit from this change?

A. Although the intent of this rider is to capture the impact of the expiration of PTCs associated with OU Spirit and Crossroads, customers could benefit, in the short term, when the level of PTCs generated each year are greater than the level estimated in base rates.

## Environmental Compliance

Q. Is OG\&E recommending a regulatory asset for Environmental Compliance?
A. Yes. In Cause No. PUD 201600059, Final Order No. 652208, OG\&E's plan to.comply with the requirements of Regional Haze by installing dry scrubbers, at Sooner Units 1

# BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION 

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

DOCKETS UE-170485 and UG-170486 (Consolidated)

Complainant,
v.

AVISTA CORPORATION d/b/a AVISTA UTILITIES,

Respondent.

COMMISSION STAFF RESPONSE TO
AVISTA CORPORATION'S RESPONSE TO BENCH REQUEST NO. 1

Christopher S. Hancock
STAFF OF
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

January 26, 2018

## I. INTRODUCTION

On December 22, 2017, President Trump signed H.R. 1 - An Act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to titles II and V of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018 (The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, or "TCJA") into law. The TCJA amends the Internal Revenue Code to reduce tax rates and modify policies, credits, and deductions for individuals and businesses. The most notable impact for utilities regulated by the Commission is the reduction of the federal corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent.

On December 29, 2017, in dockets UE-171221 and UG-171222, Avista Corporation ("Avista" or "Company") filed a Petition for an order authorizing deferral of federal income tax expenses for the effects of the revisions to the federal income tax code upon its cost of service.

On January 2, 2018, the Commission issued a Notice of Bench Request and Notice of Opportunity to Respond ("Notice") in these dockets. The Notice included Bench Request No. 1, which required Avista to provide information related to the TCJA's impacts on the Company's revenue requirement and the Company's proposed ratemaking treatment(s) for those impacts. The Notice also provided parties with an opportunity to file comments related to Avista's response to the Commission's Bench Request.

Commission Staff ("Staff") has reviewed Avista Corporation's ("Avista") response to Bench Request No. 1 and has prepared the this response.

This response will first summarize Avista's response to Bench Request No. 1. Second, this response will address the TCJA impact on rates in this case. It will then address taxes which have already been collected. Finally, it will comment on the TCJA impact on the rate plan Staff recommends in this case. Throughout Staff's response, I will highlight some regulatory principles relevant to the issue at hand.

## II. SUMMARY OF AVISTA'S RESPONSE TO BENCH REQUEST NO. 1

Avista did not fully respond to Bench Request No. 1 because it does not yet know the impact of the TCJA. Avista's response explained why determining the effects of the TCJA on its taxes is a complicated and time-consuming task that affects taxes the Company has already collected, taxes that Avista continues to collect under existing rates, and, the collection of taxes going forward as a result of the new revenue requirement that will result from this general rate case.

Avista explained that the Idaho Public Utilities Commission has notified Avista that it must produce a report by March 30, 2018, that explains the ramifications of the tax bill on Avista's service in Idaho. Avista proposes to provide a full response to Bench Request No. 1 on this same date.

Avista also proposes to file a rebate tariff, at a later date, to return "excess taxes" ${ }^{1}$ to customers. This rebate would return funds to customers that are captured in the deferred accounting mechanism requested in the Company's petition in UE-171221 and UG-171222. The rebate tariff would aim to rebate excess taxes to customers that were collected prior to and_after January 1, 2018. Subsequent updates to the rebate tariff would be made to reflect the impacts of the new tax law on years 2 and 3 of the rate plan, should the Commission choose to adopt a rate plan.

Avista also explains that there are some restrictions imposed by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") on the pace of the return of some excess taxes, if the Company is to continue to be eligible for accelerated depreciation.

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## III. HOW SHOULD THE BENEFITS OF THE TAX CUTS AND JOBS ACT ("TCJA") BE APPORTIONED BETWEEN RATEPAYERS AND SHAREHOLDERS?

The tax benefits of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act should be 100 percent passed on to ratepayers. The Company appears to agree with this position. In Dockets UE-171221 and UG171222, Avista has sought the ability to defer excess taxes collected from customers, and acknowledges that "all the financial impacts of changes to the federal tax code" should be "properly incorporated in customers' rates." ${ }^{2}$

Ensuring that customers receive all of the benefits of TCJA is consistent with the Commission's ratemaking standards. Corporate income taxes are a pass-through cost that companies have no control over. Taxes are not a cost like operations and maintenance costs, where a revenue requirement is established to cover a reasonable level of costs and the company is incentivized to minimize that cost during the rate period, and is rewarded by pocketing the savings. Instead, income taxes are a cost the company is legally obligated to pay, and so the company should only collect that level of revenue from customers sufficient to cover this legal obligation, and no more. Charging customers more than required to cover the company's legal obligation to pay income taxes is unreasonable, unfair, and unjust.

## IV. PROCEDURAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Avista proposes to file a report with the Commission by March 30, 2018, that answers the Bench Request in full. It is clear from Avista's response to Bench Request No. 1 that the Company feels it is appropriate "for the Commission and interested parties to audit" ${ }^{3}$, and provide commentary on the report. However, under the current Procedural Schedule, Staff and other parties - including Commission policy staff - would have a relatively short amount of time

[^8]to review and comment on Avista's report. The current Procedural Schedule has established April 26, 2018 as the Suspension Date, which is less than one month after Avista intends to file its report. As a practical matter, Commission Staff and other parties would have three weeks at best to respond to Avista's report. In comparison, Idaho staff, for whom the March 30 date appears to have been created, will have 60 days to review and comment on Avista's report. ${ }^{4}$

Commission Staff believes that at least four weeks is necessary to review and comment on Avista's March 30 report. This four week review period applies to Staff's review only and would be in addition to any time the Commission itself would need to review the intervening Parties’ responses to the Company's report. Staff can also respond to Avista's report with a Staff-updated revenue requirement that incorporates the Company's reported information in that same fourweek timeframe. The Company's testimony at the recent evidentiary hearing seemed to suggest that Avista may have the required TJCA-related information as early as mid- to late-February. If that is the case, Staff proposes that Avista provide that information as soon as possible to Staff, the Commission, and the intervening parties to allow for at least four full calendar weeks just to review the Company's report. Alternatively, if the Company cannot provide the requisite information until March 30, Staff recommends the Company voluntarily extend the Suspension Date to allow for the Parties to have at least a four week review period.

## V. DETERMINING TAX EXPENSE GOING FORWARD

The most significant change brought by the passage of the TCJA is a change in the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent. This change requires a re-calculation of the revenue conversion factor ${ }^{5}$ used to convert pre-tax revenue requirements to final revenue requirements. It

[^9]will also require a re-calculation of several adjustments to the test year that are a function of the corporate income tax rate.

Incorporating these changes will have a large impact on revenue requirements. In fact, it is possible that in doing so, the Commission would arrive at a revenue requirement reduction for the first year of rates. Such a result should not be a cause for alarm and should not be interpreted as punishment of the Company. A revenue requirement reduction would simply reflect the fact that the Company no longer needs to collect as much revenue from customers to meet its future income tax obligations as it previously did.

## A. The Revenue Conversion Factor

Staff's filed revenue requirement models assumed a 35 percent federal income tax rate. As a result, Staff used a conversion factor of 0.619659 for electric service, and 0.619798 for natural gas service, both of which were based on a 35 percent tax rate. Adjusting Staff's conversion factor to reflect the new, lower tax rate of 21 percent results in a conversion factor of 0.753124 for electric service and 0.753293 for natural gas service.

## B. Adjustments that are a function of the corporate tax rate

Restating and pro forma adjustments in the various revenue requirement models submitted by parties to this case have components that are a function of the corporate income tax rate.

Adjustment 2.16 in Exhibit JH-3 is one such example, where debt interest is a function of the corporate tax rate. These components all assumed a 35 percent tax rate, but should now be recalculated using the new, lower tax rate of 21 percent. Even the test year itself will have to be adjusted to account for the new corporate income tax rate.

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## C. Expenses no longer deductible

Prior to the passage of the TCJA, public utilities could deduct some expenses from their taxable income. The TCJA has eliminated this provision in some circumstances. For example, utilities lose the benefit of bonus depreciation going forward. Avista's proposed March 30 report promises to shed light on the ramifications of these changes.

In the short-term, utilities will likely still have no federal income taxes due, because of net-operating losses ("NOL") from previous years that are carried forward. Once those NOLs are exhausted, utilities are likely to incur income tax obligations. If the loss of bonus depreciation results in taxable income, the utility may use accumulated Production Tax Credits to mitigate the payment of taxes in the current year.

## VI. TAXES ALREADY COLLECTED

The Company filed deferred accounting petitions on December 29, 2017, in dockets UE171221 and UG-171222. The petition seeks "an order authorizing [Avista] to utilize deferred accounting for the impact to its federal income tax (FIT) expenses due to the revisions of the federal income tax code caused by" the TJCA. Avista explains that it "would defer the impact of the changes to federal income tax expenses" ${ }^{6}$, and that at a later unspecified date, "the Company will supplement this filing with the expected impact of the changes and with detail of the amounts that have been deferred. ${ }^{77}$ The deferred amount will accrue interest at the FERC rate, which is currently 4.25 percent.

Staff supports this proposal. Deferred accounting will be necessary in order to facilitate the return of excess taxes to ratepayers.

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## A. Explanation of DFIT

Deferred taxes arise due to differences in how the Company's capital assets are depreciated for utility ratemaking purposes ("straight-line") versus how they are depreciated for federal income tax purposes ("accelerated"). Accelerated depreciation does not change the total taxes paid by the utility over time; it only changes the timing of income tax payments. Accrual of deferred taxes is simply capturing the timing difference between straight-line and accelerated depreciation. Deferred taxes are temporary, because they reverse over time. They are "deferred" because the cash is received prior to when these taxes will be paid. Through this tool, the Company and the Commission ensure taxes are recovered from customers fairly over the life of the underlying asset, much in the same way that depreciation of plant occurs evenly over time.

During the time between when taxes are collected from customers, and when those taxes are paid to the government, accumulated DFIT acts as a zero-cost source of capital ${ }^{8}$ to the Company, provided by ratepayers. Accumulated DFIT is accounted for as a reduction to rate base for ratemaking purposes, conceptually similar to how customer deposits or contributions in aid of construction are considered offsets to rate base.

These funds were collected under a presumption that future income taxes would be incurred at the 35 percent corporate tax rate. However, as a result of the TCJA, future corporate income taxes will only be assessed at the new reduced 21 percent rate.

## B. Excess DFIT related to the depreciation of plant

Excess DFIT exists because the tax rate has been reduced. It is appropriate, reasonable, fair, and just to return excess DFIT to customers, as excess DFIT represents the accumulated amount of taxes customers have overpaid. However, the Commission should consider certain

[^12]requirements from the IRS that the Company faces when considering how to return these funds to customers.

Staff expects that Avista will calculate the excess DFIT based on DFIT balances as of December 31, 2017. This excess amount will be removed from DFIT and placed into a regulatory liability account. The net effect on rate base from this action would be zero, as regulatory liabilities act as an offset to rate base, just as accumulated DFIT does. Excess taxes collected by the Company since January 1, 2018 under existing rates will also be placed into the regulatory liability account.

Section 13001(d)(1) ${ }^{9}$ of the TCJA requires that, in order for the Company to be considered to use a normalization method of accounting, it must not reduce "the excess tax reserve more rapidly or to a greater extent than such reserve would be reduced under the average rate assumption method." The Company must be considered to use a normalization method of accounting in order to maintain eligibility for accelerated depreciation. Violating the average rate assumption method ("ARAM") provision also comes with a penalty to the Company. These requirements apply to the excess tax reserve associated with the depreciation of plant.

The practical effect is that the Company is restricted with respect to the pace of the return of most excess taxes to customers. This is currently estimated to produce a 36 year amortization schedule. It should be noted that the IRS does not require the Company to return excess DFIT to customers; it simply restricts how quickly depreciation-related excess DFIT is returned to customers.

Staff has confirmed through correspondence with the Company that Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP") requires the Company to amortize the excess tax reserve
related to plant depreciation, effective January 1, 2018. Accordingly, the Company will amortize the appropriate amount, reducing the balance of the aforementioned regulatory liability, and increasing the balance of the account established under the deferred accounting petition. Over time, the regulatory liability is reduced through amortization, which produces a larger rate base balance as a result. It is unclear if this process will result in materially larger rate base balances than it otherwise would have, as the DFIT balance would also be reduced as the Company made future federal income tax payments.

The ARAM provision is applicable to excess tax reserves related to plant depreciation. These funds are sometimes referred to as "protected" excess deferred taxes. Most, but not all, excess DFIT is of this nature.

## C. Excess DFIT not related to the depreciation of plant

The remaining "unprotected" excess DFIT does not appear to be restricted with respect to the pace it is returned to customers, which provides for considerable discretion for the Commission on this matter.

Excess DFIT that is not related to the depreciation of plant can arise from several sources. Some examples are: a difference in the size of a particular capitalized asset, ${ }^{10}$ or, expenses that are not deductible for tax purposes but which are included for ratemaking purposes. Because these items do not accrue DFIT due to life and method differences in the treatment of depreciation, Staff sees no reason to require that the return of "unprotected" DFIT to ratepayers should consider depreciation schedules.

[^13]Instead, the excess "unprotected" DFIT should be returned to customers consistent with any IRS requirements. If no requirement exists, it should be returned to customers promptly. While intergenerational problems are unavoidable, a prompt return of "unprotected" excess DFIT best ensures that the customers who provided these excess funds are the customers that receive the return of them. An example of a prompt return of "unprotected" excess DFIT to customers would be a three year amortization schedule that coincides with a three year rate plan.

## VII. THE TCJA'S IMPACT ON STAFF'S RATE PLAN

Aside from the changes discussed in Section V, "Determining tax expense going forward", Staff does not have any changes to its recommendation for a rate plan. The mechanics of the rate plan are still sound and appropriate under the new tax law. Staff's revenue requirement model for Years 2 and 3 of the rate plan will simply have to be updated to incorporate the Year 1 revenue requirement figure determined using the new revenue conversion factor.

## VIII. SUMMARY

In summary, the effects of the changes to tax law can and should be captured in this general rate case.

Excess taxes as of December 31, 2017, should be calculated, removed from DFIT, and placed in a regulatory liability, which will have no effect on rate base. Most of these excess taxes will have to meet IRS standards with respect to the pace at which they are returned to customers.

An amortization schedule (or schedules) for excess taxes as of December 31, 2017, will be established. Amortization will result in a reduction of the regulatory liability's balance, and a corresponding increase in the balance of the deferred accounting mechanism the Company has petitioned for.

Excess taxes collected after December 31, 2017, will be placed in the deferred accounting mechanism as well.

Any errors in implementing the TCJA (given the short timeframe in attempted to reflect the new tax law in rates) can be trued-up through the deferred accounting mechanism, and after the conclusion of this general rate case.

The Company will file a rebate tariff in dockets UE-171221 and UG-171222 that will propose how to return excess taxes, now captured by the deferred accounting mechanism, to customers.

Staff recommends the Commission:

1. Request that the Company provide the report of TCJA effects as soon as feasible and allow the Parties to have at minimum four weeks to review and respond to that report;
2. As an alternative to No. 1, above, if Avista cannot provide the report early enough to allow the Parties at least four weeks for review, the Commission should request the Company voluntarily extend the suspension date in the current rate case such that Parties will have at least a four week review period;
3. Approve the Company's deferred accounting petition in dockets UE-171221 and UG171222;
4. Reflect the ramifications of the new tax law in the revenue requirements produced as a result of this general rate case, ensuring that customers receive the full benefit of Avista's tax savings regardless of whether the lower corporate tax rate reduces the Company's revenue requirement; and
5. Allow for a process that returns excess taxes as soon as possible but complies with IRS regulations.

[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ H.R.1, signed by President Trump on December 22, 2017.
    ${ }^{2}$ Avista states its intent that "all of the benefits associated with the costs paid by customers related to the TCJA will be returned to customers [.]" Avista Response to Bench Request No. 1, at 1.

    3 "Power companies got a tax cut. Will your bill reflect it?" New York Times, January 9, 2018. https://www.nytimes.com/2018/01/09/business/economy/tax-cut-power.html.

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[^1]:    4 "APS now seeking rate decrease thanks to federal tax cuts," Arizona Republic, January 9, 2018. https://www.azcentral.com/story/money/business/energy/2018/01/09/aps-now-seeking-rate-decrease-thanks-federal-tax-cuts/1018865001/. The reduction would be approximately $\$ 119$ million initially, to take effect in February 2018, with the company indicating that further smaller reductions could be offered once the more detailed changes associated with amortization of ADIT are fully understood. Id. See, In the Matter of the Application of Arizona Public Service Company To Implement Tax Expense Adjustor Mechanism, Arizona Corporation Commission, Docket E-01345A-18-0003, Application at 2. APS had established a tax adjustment mechanism in anticipation of the tax law change.
    ${ }^{5}$ Commonwealth Edison Company, Verified Petition for Special Permission to File and Put Into Effect on Less Than 45 Days' Notice, Tariffs Accelerating Bill Credits Attributable to Federal Tax Reform, Illinois Commerce Commission, Docket 18-0034, Order, January 18, 2018 (ComEd operates under a formula rate plan under which rates would be trued up when the precise level of tax benefits is known, Verified Petition of ComEd, © 12).
    ${ }^{6}$ In the Matter of NSTAR Electric Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, Mass. Department of Public Utilities, Docket 17-05, Attorney General's Motion For Reconsideration and To Reopen Hearings, December 20, 2017, pp. 1-2.

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[^2]:    ${ }^{7}$ Avista Response to Bench Request No. 1, at 4. It is not clear that Avista's proposal for a separate "rebate" mechanism for the tax benefit is necessary. Adjustments related to federal tax issues are normally incorporated in the overall revenue requirement determination.
    ${ }^{8}$ Id., at 3.
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[^3]:    4) See Exh. BGM-5r at 26.
[^4]:    39 TCJA Pro Forma Results

[^5]:    * Line 8 "Total General Business Revenues" includes special contract transportation revenues.

[^6]:    ${ }^{1}$ Public Utility Regulatory Act, Tex. Util. Code Ann. §§ 11.001-58.303 (West 2016), §§ 59.001-66.017 (West 2007 \& Supp. 2016) (PURA).

[^7]:    ${ }^{1}$ The Company has collected, and continues to collect, more funds from customers than is needed to cover its tax obligations, including its deferred tax obligations. This is what "excess taxes" refers to.

[^8]:    ${ }^{3}$ Bench Request No. 1 pg 4.
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    AVISTA CORP'S RESPONSE TO
    BENCH REQUEST NO. 1-3

[^9]:    ${ }^{4}$ https://www.puc.idaho.gov/orders/recent/Notice_of_Investigation_Order_No_33965.pdf
    ${ }^{5}$ The revenue conversion factor converts a net income deficiency into a gross revenue income deficiency. It recognizes that a utility would need to collect more than one dollar in gross revenue for each dollar of net operating

[^10]:    income it keeps for itself. Amongst other things, it is a function of several tax rates, one of which is the federal corporate income tax rate.

[^11]:    ${ }^{6}$ Petition page 3.
    ${ }^{7}$ Petition page 3.
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    AVISTA CORP'S RESPONSE TO
    BENCH REQUEST NO. 1-6

[^12]:    ${ }^{8}$ Some may argue that these funds are not zero-cost. Instead, the argument goes, the reduction to rate base implicitly

[^13]:    ${ }^{9}$ https://www.congress.gov/115/bills/hr1/BILLS-115hr1enr.pdf See: page 46.
    ${ }^{10}$ One reason such a difference in asset valuation may exist is if the Commission previously disallowed a portion of an asset's costs for recovery from ratepayers.

