

AVISTA CORP.
RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

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REQUEST:

Please provide the following:

- A. The amount of EVSE pilot program related O&M expenditures included as of the Company's rebuttal filing.
- B. Identify the adjustment number in Exhibit AMA-11 that these expenses were included or if they were included as part of the test year (Results of Operations). If both, please identify the amounts separately in response to subpart A of this bench request.
- C. Please identify the revenue requirement attributable to those expenses.
- D. Identify the location in testimony or exhibits that provided information pertaining to the cost recovery of these O&M expenditures.

RESPONSE:

- A. Approximately \$401,000 in capital and \$85,000 in O&M expenditures were included in the 2016 test year of the general rate case. As discussed during the review of the Company's filing of its EVSE Pilot Program (Program), the Company did not seek special accounting or rate making treatment of planned capital or O&M expenditures spent on the Program. The expenditures of the Program were to be treated as normal capital and O&M expenses, in which the Company would seek recovery of in future general rate cases.
- B. The capital and O&M expenditures were included as part of the 2016 historical test year (Results of Operations) only, column 1.00 of Exh. EMA-11, page 5. No additional pro forma adjustment was included related to this program.
- C. The revenue requirement included in the Company's general rate case rebuttal filing is approximately \$139,000 (\$89,000 O&M for expense and \$50,000 capital).
- D. Company witness Kevin Christie provided an overview of the Company's Program in his direct testimony (Exh. KJC-1T, page 19, lines 4-15) as follows:

Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Pilot: In April 2016, the Commission approved a pilot program where the Company will install 265 AC Level 2 Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) port connections as a means to better understand Electric Vehicle (EV) charging at home, at work and in public areas, i.e., what is needed, what is effective, and how it may affect the grid in the future. The pilot is helping Avista better understand how to maximize the benefits of EVs for all our customers in the years ahead, as well as supporting a cleaner environment through the increased use of EVs in the Spokane area.

By installing a limited number of EVSE in beneficial workplace and public areas, we will also help support greater EV adoption in our service territory and pave the way for effective long-term programs. In addition to the Level 2 EVSE installations, Avista is installing DC Fast Charging EVSE at seven locations as part of the pilot program.

As noted in (B) above the Company did not pro form additional capital or O&M costs into its general rate case filing beyond the 2016 historical test period. However, the Company did not separately call out the 2016 test period level of revenue requirement associated with this program (\$139,000), which as shown in (C) above, was relatively small.