

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

AVISTA CORPORATION d/b/a AVISTA UTILITIES,

Respondent.

DOCKET NOS. UE-200900 and UG-200901 (*Consolidated*)

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ON BEHALF OF THE
WASHINGTON STATE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
PUBLIC COUNSEL UNIT

EXHIBIT PADS-9

Avista Response to Public Counsel Data Request No. 254

April 21, 2021

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

JURISDICTION:	WASHINGTON	DATE PREPARED:	03/18/2021
CASE NO.:	UE-200900 & UG-200901	WITNESS:	David Howell
REQUESTER:	UTC Staff	RESPONDER:	David James
TYPE:	Data Request	DEPT:	Wildfire Resiliency
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RE: Wildfire Plan

REQUEST:

Please refer to Avista's Response to Public Counsel Data Request No. 084 (r), which provides a count of wooden transmission poles.

- a) Provide a count of transmission pole fires by year 2017, 2018, and 2019.
- b) Provide the number (or estimate the percent) of wooden transmission poles equipped with cross arms by WUI risk tier (low, 1, 2, and 3).
- c) Provide the number of fiberglass cross arms Avista has installed on wooden transmission poles to date by WUI risk tier (low, 1, 2, and 3).
- d) Provide the number of wooden transmission poles Avista replaced by year in 2017, 2018, and 2019.
- e) Provide the number of wooden transmission cross arms Avista replaced with fiberglass cross arms in 2017, 2018, and 2019.

RESPONSE:

- a) 2017: 7
2018: 16
2019: 12

b) The number of wood transmission poles in WUI risk zones is shown below. It is estimated that approximately 80% of these have crossarms. The exact actual number of crossarms is not readily available.

Low: 15,056
Tier 1: 3,447
Tier 2: 3,046
Tier 3: 1,539

c) Avista does not install fiberglass crossarms on transmission wood poles as they tend to deflect under load.

- d) 2017: 1301
2018: 667
2019: 234

e) Avista does not install fiberglass crossarms on transmission wood poles as they tend to deflect under load.

See Avista's response to PC-DR-257.