

**Exh. DCG-7
Dockets UE-200900, UG-200901,
UE-200894
Witness: David C. Gomez**

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,**

Complainant,

v.

**AVISTA CORPORATION, d/b/a
AVISTA UTILITIES,**

Respondent.

**DOCKETS UE-200900, UG-200901,
UE-200894 (*Consolidated*)**

**EXHIBIT TO
TESTIMONY OF**

David C. Gomez

**STAFF OF
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

Avista's Response to Sierra Club Data Request No. 012

April 21, 2021

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

JURISDICTION:	WASHINGTON	DATE PREPARED:	03/12/2021
CASE NO.:	UE-200900, UG-200901, UE-200894	WITNESS:	Jason R. Thackston
REQUESTER:	Sierra Club	RESPONDER:	Jason R. Thackston
TYPE:	Data Request	DEPT:	Energy Resources
REQUEST NO.:	SC-012	TELEPHONE:	(509) 495-8550
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SUBJECT: Colstrip

REQUEST:

Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC), Sierra Club (SC), and National Wildlife Federation (NWF) sent a letter to Colstrip co-owners on February 19, 2021 to follow up on the dry-ash settlement involving Colstrip. In exchange for firm closure dates for Colstrip Units 3 and 4, the organizations would like to discuss the possibility of an elongated timeline for the costly conversion to dry-ash disposal by July 1, 2022. Please explain whether Avista, Talen, or another entity has conducted or plans to conduct analysis investigating the benefits of an earlier retirement including the avoidance of certain capital projects. If such analysis has been conducted please provide it.

RESPONSE:

Avista cannot speak to what intentions Talen or any of the other owners might have with respect to the letter referenced above. We intend to engage with the three organizations that wrote the letter to learn more about the possibility, and we believe there is value in having the other owners engage in the conversation with us. While we have conducted analyses with respect to an exit of Colstrip in our previous Integrated Resource Plans and the draft 2021 Integrated Resource Plan, we have not conducted an analysis investigating the benefits of an earlier retirement including the avoidance of certain capital projects. Until we learn more about the opportunity proposed in the letter, it does not make sense to speculate on the potential cost-benefit analysis, and we have not yet conducted any such analysis.