

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

JURISDICTION:	Washington	DATE PREPARED:	09/07/2007
CASE NO:	UE-070804 & UG-070805	WITNESS:	Heather Cummins
REQUESTER:	Public Counsel	RESPONDER:	Heather Cummins
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REQUEST:

Re: Testimony of Heather Cummins, page 8, lines 10 to 12 and Avista's Response to Public Counsel DR- 34.

The response to PC 034 (b) is limited to urban areas. Does Avista plan to evaluate time-of-use or critical-peak pricing in rural areas also? Please explain why or why not.

RESPONSE:

The current system planned to be deployed in rural areas is capable of supporting hourly interval data which would provide the foundation for time-of-use or critical-peak pricing. However, before the decisions are made, more research and evaluation will need to be done concerning the value of time-of-use critical peak pricing, the cost of supporting billing system modifications required to support this type of pricing, and other customer communication methods available to deliver this real-time information to customers.