

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Investigation of AVISTA CORPORATION d/b/a AVISTA
UTILITIES, PUGET SOUND ENERGY, and PACIFIC POWER LIGHT COMPANY
Regarding Prudency of Outage and Replacement Power Costs

DOCKET UE-190882

AVI ALLISON ON BEHALF OF PUBLIC COUNSEL UNIT

EXHIBIT AA-12

Avista Response to Public Counsel Data Request No. 120
(Docket UE-190222)

January 10, 2020

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

JURISDICTION:	WASHINGTON	DATE PREPARED:	09/04/2019
CASE NO.:	UE-190334 & UG-190335	WITNESS:	Scott Kinney
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REQUEST:

Please refer to Avista Response to Staff ERM Data Request No. 4, Subpart K.

- a) Explain why Rosebud Mine Area A was burned at Colstrip in June 2018.

- b) Was the decision to burn Area A coal at Colstrip in June 2018 related to concerns relating to MATS compliance? If so, explain why the Company believed that burning Area A coal would address those concerns.

RESPONSE:

- a) The operator, Talen Montana, provided the following response:

At the time, the Colstrip staff was troubleshooting the elevated PM on U34. One of the common variables was plant fuel (coal). The operations staff requested the mine shift from the normal source (Area C) to the alternate fuel source.

- b) See the response to part "a" above. The Company (Avista) does not recall having any position with respect to burning Area A coal in June 2018.