

**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 ACC-10

Avista Supplemental Response to Commission Staff Data Request No. 38

April 21, 2021

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

JURISDICTION:	WASHINGTON	DATE PREPARED:	01/20/2021
CASE NO.:	UE-200900 & UG-200901	WITNESS:	Elizabeth Andrews
REQUESTER:	UTC Staff	RESPONDER:	Tara Knox
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REQUEST:

RE: Income Tax (FIT/ADFIT) - Pro Forma ARAM Adjustment (3.03)

Please refer to the direct testimony of Elizabeth M. Andrews, page 54, footnote 41:

If the Commission approves the Company's Tax Accounting Petition filed concurrent with this general rate case requesting authorization to change its accounting for federal income tax expense from a normalization method to a flow-through method for certain plant basis adjustments, certain excess DFIT tax balances will be reclassified as non-protected and removed from the ARAM calculation. These removed balances would be available to be returned to customers over a shorter period as discussed in the Tax Accounting Petition. The Pro Forma ARAM Adjustment (3.03) would therefore need to be revised during the pendency of the general rate case to reflect those changes, lowering the annual ARAM tax amortization benefit.

Please provide the revised pro forma ARAM Adjustment (3.03) assuming that the Commission approves the Company's Tax Accounting Petition filed concurrent with this general rate case requesting authorization to change its accounting for federal income tax expense.

RESPONSE:

At this time forecasted excess deferred taxes are in the process of being updated for December 31, 2020 information. The Company will supplement this response with updated pro forma values on or before January 21, 2021.

Supplemental: January 21, 2021

Please see Staff-DR-038-Supplemental-Attachment-A showing the revised pro forma ARAM adjustment 3.03 both updated with the most recent forecasted information and exclusive of amounts associated with the proposed change in accounting. The attachment also shows the incremental change from the Company's as filed adjustment. The effect of this adjustment to net operating income is a reduction of \$15,000 for electric, and an increase of \$46,000 for natural gas. The effect on the proposed revenue requirement is an increase of \$20,000 for electric, and reduction of \$61,000 for natural gas.