

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

JURISDICTION:	WASHINGTON	DATE PREPARED:	06/15/2021
CASE NO.:	200894-900-901	WITNESS:	Jason Thackston
REQUESTER:	UTC Staff	RESPONDER:	Steve Wenke
TYPE:	Data Request	DEPT:	GPSS
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Re: Colstrip

REQUEST:

[note: background information provided in the request is not repeated here.]

- a. Are Thackston’s statements in rebuttal regarding Colstrip fuel quality based on the recollections of Steve Wenke and Greg Frohn rather than the product of any contemporaneous records or documentation? If the answer is no, provide all documents and/or any other contemporaneous record responsive to Staff’s original request and which memorializes the Colstrip Owners’ various discussions and meetings with Westmoreland relating to 2020 and 2021 coal fuel quality including [REDACTED].
- b. Provide Westmoreland’s [REDACTED]. If no [REDACTED] was provided by Westmoreland, as requested in the Owners’ [REDACTED], explain why.
- c. If Avista is in possession of any documents responsive to these requests but cannot release it because of the Joint Defense Agreement among the Colstrip Owners and/or any other restriction, list the documents and include for each, the specific privilege which bars its release.

Response:

Please see Avista’s **CONFIDENTIAL** response to data request Staff-DR-174C. Please note that Avista’s response to Staff-DR-174C is **Confidential per Protective Order in UTC Dockets UE-200900 and UG-200901**.

- a. The statements provided in Thackston’s rebuttal are based on report outs provided by Steve Wenke and Greg Frohn. As stated previously, there were no formal records of the meetings.

These letters were notifications that owners were paying attention to the fuel quality. This was an attempt to raise the mine’s awareness as well to continue to improve the quality. There were no

fuel supply contract violations during this period. This was only to raise the topic and have a discussion. In the meetings with WRM, the fuel quality was only one of the discussion points.

b. The meetings were staged by WRM, not the Colstrip Owners. They were done virtually. Topics were discussed, but materials were not provided by WRM to the Owners.

A screen shot was captured during the March 24 meeting with WRM. This was not an official record. For information, that screen shot is included here.

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c. Avista does not have any documents response to this request included in the Joint Defense Agreement.

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