

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
RESPONSE TO DATA REQUEST

DATE PREPARED: May 22, 2000  
CASE NO: UE-991606  
              UG-991607  
REQUESTER: Avista Corporation

WITNESS: Alan Buckley  
RESPONDER: Alan Buckley  
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REQUEST NO. 105:

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- (a) Please explain what Mr. Buckley means by the following statement: "The Company has not identified any specific purchases that require additional firming made possible by the capacity purchases."
- (b) Please provide specific examples of these purchases that "require additional firming."

RESPONSE:

- (a) Staff believes the statement is clear as stated. In Exhibit 185 the Company states that it used firm resources to meet firm system obligations. It goes on to say that these may include "capacity purchases along with market energy purchases" and that "these purchases are typically for one year or less and may often only be for a period of expected system peak." The IRP table in Exhibit 185 appears to assume that every short-term purchase that is made requires some level of additional firming that would be accomplished by these capacity purchases. Staff is stating that the Company has not analyzed the level of normalized capacity purchases needed to support normalized short-term purchases, assuming that not all short-term purchases require "firming."
- (b) See Exhibit 185. The Company has identified the need for capacity purchases to go along with "market energy purchases."

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