

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
RESPONSE TO DATA REQUEST

DATE PREPARED: 5/18/2000
CASE NO.: UE-991606
 UG-991607
REQUESTER: Avista

WITNESS: Alan Buckley
RESPONDER: Alan Buckley
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REQUEST NO. 30:

RE: Page 17. Please identify all of the "several power supply expense items that would otherwise be potentially contentious issues in this rate case." For each of the items identified, please explain why each of the items would be contentious in this case.

RESPONSE:

The potentially contentious power supply expense items include:

1. The prudence of acquiring the Rathdrum CT, including the appropriate treatment of the lease for ratemaking purposes;
2. The appropriate ratemaking treatment of the Potlatch electric service and purchase power contracts; and,
3. The ratemaking treatment of the Wood Power contract buy-out. Staff's recommendation regarding the Wood Power buy-out balance provides Avista with recovery of over \$5 million (system-wide) that was not in the Company's case.

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