

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. 97:**

RE: Pages 7-10. Please identify all studies that Mr. Buckley is aware of related to Northwest hydro-electric operations that use the 40-year water record from 1949 to 1988. Include studies prepared during 1995 through the current date. Attach excerpts from the studies to identify the name of the study, who prepared it, and the specific pages that show the water record used. If no excerpts from the study are available to attach to the response, please provide the name and phone number of an individual that can be contacted regarding the study.

**RESPONSE:**

Staff's testimony does not address the presence of studies relating to Northwest hydroelectric operations that may or not be available. Staff's testimony is that the Company has not provided any new testimony, documents, or studies in its direct case that should alter the Commission's position regarding the "number of water years" issue. The Commission has clearly stated that the use of the 40-year rolling average "will remain the Commission's position on this issue unless a clear and convincing argument supports a superior alternative." Staff has made no statement as to what data that 40-year rolling average does or does not contain.

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