

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. 153:**

RE: Page 50. Please fully explain what Staff means by the following statement by Mr. Buckley "Staff is quite concerned that potential changes in these relatively short-term contracts could undermine the very revenue stability the Company is seeking to obtain through the proposed power cost adjustment."

**RESPONSE:**

See the testimony of Mr. Buckley immediately proceeding the language quoted in the data request (Exhibit T-\_\_\_ (APB-T), page 48, line 15, through page 49, line 1). Staff believes that the relatively short-term nature of many of the firm wholesale purchase and sales arrangements (as compared to the more traditional long-term firm wholesale transactions made in the past), may have a detrimental affect on maintaining the revenue stability that the Company seeks through implementation of a power cost adjustment mechanism.

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