

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

JURISDICTION:	Washington	DATE PREPARED:	6/19/2000
CASE NO:	UE-991606	WITNESS:	Katherine Mitchell
	UG-991607	RESPONDER:	Katherine Mitchell
REQUESTER:	WUTC	DEPT:	Rates
TYPE:	Data Request	TELEPHONE:	(509) 495-4407
DUE DATE:	6/21/2000	FIELD AUDIT:	___ Yes <u>X</u> No
REQUEST NO.:	326		

REQUEST:

Please provide the impact (dollar amount) on Washington Electric and Washington Gas for the total amount of officer relocation expenses in 1998 that was excluded from Staff's calculation of 1998 relocation expenses.

RESPONSE:

Per Witness Huang's testimony, Staff averaged relocation expense of \$123,540 for 1997 and \$110,000 for 1999 to obtain \$116,000. These numbers exclude officer relocation expenses, as Staff derived them from Attachment B of the Company's response to WUTC Request 221, in which the Company states that "This attachment excludes officer relocation expenses discussed in the Company's reply to WUTC Request No. 220."

Staff chose to set 1998 relocation expenses at the average of 1997 and 1999. Yet staff excludes officer relocation expenses for those two years from that average.

Per the Company's response to WUTC Request 220 officer relocation expense for 1997 and 1999 was \$0 and \$95,000, respectively. The average of the 1997 and 1999 amounts is \$47,500. Therefore, following Staff's approach of averaging 1997 and 1999, \$22,382 and \$5,627 for Washington Electric and Washington Gas jurisdictions, respectively, was excluded from Staff's calculation of test period relocation expenses.

Please also see the Company's response to WUTC Request No. 327.

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