

**Exh. JDW-14
Dockets UE-240006/UG-240007
Witness: John D. Wilson**

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,**

Complainant,

v.

AVISTA CORPORATION,

Respondent.

**DOCKETS UE-240006 & UG-240007
(Consolidated)**

EXHIBIT TO

TESTIMONY OF

JOHN D. WILSON

**ON BEHALF OF STAFF OF
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

Avista's Response to Staff Data Request No. 174

July 3, 2024

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

JURISDICTION:	WASHINGTON	DATE PREPARED:	04/26/2024
CASE NO.:	UE-240006 & UG-240007	WITNESS:	Clint Kalich
REQUESTER:	UTC Staff	RESPONDER:	Lori Hermanson
TYPE:	Data Request	DEPT:	Power Supply
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SUBJECT: Transmission Expense

REQUEST:

Re: Kalich Exhs. CGK-3, CKG-6, and CKG-6RY2; workpaper 565 Transmission Expense, tab For Authorized 09.26.22.

- a. For the Northwestern for Clearwater III cost (line 54), please explain the confidential monthly costs (in other words, please explain why and how this cost is obtained from Aurora unlike other Transmission of Electricity by Others costs).
- b. Please verify that the transmission charge for 2025 and 2026 is currently unchanged from the value reported as of 8/18/2023 (workpaper cell I9) for each contract listed in 565 Transmission Expense.
- c. Please explain why the Account 565 – Transmission Expense costs for 2026 do not include adjustments for expiration of one BPA PTP contract on 7/30/2026 and three BPA PTP contracts on 8/1/2026.
- d. Please explain why the Account 547 – Other Fuel Expense costs for 2026 do not include adjustments to the output of Coyote Springs 2 related to the expiration of one BPA PTP contract on 7/30/2026 and three BPA PTP contracts on 8/1/2026.

RESPONSE:

- a) Transmission costs are not modeled in Aurora. Transmission costs are accounted for in power supply costs as a direct entry into the pro forma for the rate period based on the ‘240006-07-AVA-CGK-565 Transmission Expense (C)’ workpaper.
- b) BPA’s open access transmission tariff as of 10/1/2023 has an updated rate of \$1.964 which is a slight increase from the interim rate of \$1.935.
- c) The Company did not include an adjustment for BPA PTP contracts expiring 7/30/2026 and 8/1/2026 as these contracts are expected to be extended for an additional term.
- d) The ‘Account 547 – Other Fuel Expense’ workpaper includes only fuel costs and assumes that necessary transmission contracts will be renewed.