

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

JURISDICTION:	WASHINGTON	DATE PREPARED:	05/18/2015
CASE NO.:	UE-150204 & UG-150205	WITNESS:	Jennifer Smith
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REQUEST:

Administrative and General Expense – Electric Operations. Please refer to the response to Staff Data Request No. 003, specifically Staff_DR_003-Attachment A.

- a. Please explain, in detail, what factors caused the amount of expense recorded in Account 9200000 – Salaries Expense to be so much higher in September 2014 (\$3,044,557) as compared to the remaining months of the test year (i.e., exceeds other monthly balances by approximately \$1 million or more).
- b. Please provide a detailed itemization of all charges to Account 9230000 – Outside Services Employed during the test year exceeding \$100,000. For each amount exceeding \$100,000, please provide a description of the services provided (by vendor) and provide the amount on a total company and on a Washington jurisdictional basis.
- c. Please provide a detailed itemization of all charges to Account 9300000 – Miscellaneous General Expenses during the test year exceeding \$50,000. For each amount exceeding \$50,000, please provide the amount on a total company and on a Washington jurisdictional basis.

RESPONSE:

- a. In September 2014 a reclassification was made for the Restricted Stock portion of the Long Term Incentive Plan, for expenses from January through August, from non-utility operations account 417 to utility operations account 920000 in the amount of approximately \$675,000 (system). In addition, a monthly accrual for September for these expenses was recorded for approximately \$106,000. Effective September 2014, a monthly accrual for the restricted stock grants for all participants other than the CEO was recorded in account 920000.
- b.& c. Please see PC_DR_023 Attachments A and B for the information requested in b and c above. Note that the account detail in FERC Account 923000 – Outside Services contains the accrued expenses for outside services and does not represent the actual payments made to vendors. Monthly accruals included in this response originate from payments made for IT and Audit services. Project Number 09903420 “Auditing” are the accrual of audit-related expenses paid to Deloitte. Accrued expenses in Project Number 09903315 “IT Expense Accruals” represent the accrual of IT Workforce contract services paid to HP, Volt, Cerium, Nuvodia, Regulus, etc.