AVISTA CORP. RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

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REQUEST:

RE: Exhibit No. DFK-1T, fn. 6 & 7.

a. Please provide any additional presentations, reports or materials (similar to those cited in footnotes 6 and 7, and requested in the previous data requests) regarding the deployment of smart meters and AMI technology made by any party to Avista, and indicate the audience for the presentations.

b. Please explain the relationship between Avista and the presenting parties, and provide any related contracts for service.

RESPONSE:

Please also see Avista's response to PC_060C which is Confidential per Protective Order in UTC Dockets UE-150204 and UG-150205.

- a. Avista has been visited by the following firms regarding AMI technologies: Elster, Silver Spring Networks, Itron, Aclara, Sensus, Tantalus and Oracle. The audiences have included Company subject matter experts in the fields of metering, telecommunications, customer programs and information technology.
- b. For Elster, please refer to PC_DR_059. Avista has signed a nondisclosure agreement with Silver Springs Networks to discuss their advanced metering technology, but has no other known relationship or contracts for service at this time. Avista routinely purchases meter communications devices from Aclara for its Idaho service territory, but has no other known relationship or service contracts related to this project. Avista routinely purchases meters from Itron, and established a purchase and service agreement with them in connection with the Pullman Smart Grid Demonstration Project. Copies of those agreements, respectively, are provided as Staff_DR_060C Confidential Attachments A and B. Avista has signed a nondisclosure agreement with Sensus to discuss their AMI technology, and currently purchases some natural gas equipment from them. Avista has signed a nondisclosure agreement with Tantalus to discuss their advanced metering technology, but currently has no other known relationship with them regarding this project. Oracle has recently met with Avista employees working on the Washington advanced metering program to discuss their meter data management solution, but has no other known relationship to this project.