

**Exhibit No. MC-17
Dockets UE-160228/UG-160229
Witness: Melissa Cheesman**

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,**

Complainant,

v.

**AVISTA CORPORATION d/b/a
AVISTA UTILITIES,**

Respondent.

**DOCKETS UE-160228 and
UG-160229 (*Consolidated*)**

**EXHIBIT TO
TESTIMONY OF**

MELISSA CHEESMAN

**STAFF OF
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

Avista's Response to Staff Data Requests 161 and 162

August 17, 2016

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

JURISDICTION:	WASHINGTON	DATE PREPARED:	08/01/2016
CASE NO.:	UE-160228 & UG-160229	WITNESS:	Heather L. Rosentrater
REQUESTER:	UTC Staff – Cheesman	RESPONDER:	Vern Malensky/ L. La Bolle
TYPE:	Data Request	DEPT:	State & Federal Regulation
REQUEST NO.:	Staff – 161	TELEPHONE:	(509) 495-2293
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REQUEST:

Referring specifically to Heather Rosentrater's testimony, Exhibit No. HLR-1T, page 19, line 36, through page 20, line 1, has the company executed any vendor contracts for the AMI meters and installation of supporting computer hardware and software systems?

RESPONSE:

Yes, it has. Please see the Company's response to Staff_DR_162 for a list and copies of the advanced metering system vendor contracts that have been executed to date.

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

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REQUEST:

If the answer to the preceding question is yes, please provide copies of all contracts and agreements and indicate whether or not each one is a “primary vendor contract.”

RESPONSE:

Please see Avista’s CONFIDENTIAL response to data request no. Staff – 162C. Please note that Avista’s response to Staff – 162C is **Confidential per Protective Order in UTC Dockets UE-160228 and UG-160229.**

Avista has executed five contracts supporting the implementation of its Washington advanced metering system. The Company hired the Boreas Group to assist in planning and preparation of technical specifications for AMI vendors and equipment, for which contract materials are provided as Staff_DR_162C Confidential Attachment A. Avista purchased its meter data management system software application from Oracle Utilities, and the related contract materials are provided as Staff_DR_162C Confidential Attachment B. We executed a contract with the vendor, Trinita Consulting, to lead the installation of the meter data management system, which contract materials are provided as Staff_DR_162C Confidential Attachment C. The Company more-recently signed a contract with the consultant, Smartmark, which will support the development and implementation of Avista’s customer outreach, education, and communication plan. The materials related to the Smartmark contract are provided as Staff_DR_162C Confidential Attachment D. Avista has also retained the firm, Hanna and Associates, to assist the Company in developing and placing communication pieces supporting the customer education and outreach plan, which contract materials are provided as Staff_DR_162C Confidential Attachment E. Avista considers the contracts with Oracle and Trinita Consulting to be primary vendor contracts.