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## Avista Data Request 5:

RE: Page 13, Lines 14-16. Please fully explain all of Mr. Schoenbeck's reasons for the selection of the eight-year amortization period other than the reference to Centralia.

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The length of period was derived from considering the overall rate impact on Avista Utilities Washington revenues. With electric revenues of about \$250 million, this amortization period would have downward rate relief of 3-4%, a modest but tangible level.

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