

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION STAFF
RESPONSE TO DATA REQUEST

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REQUESTER: Avista Corp.

WITNESS: Michael Parvinen

RESPONDER: Michael Parvinen

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REQUEST NO. 5: RE: Page 6, Line 5. Mr. Parvinen states, in part, that “there likely are no offsetting factors that will affect the number of bills the utility mails out.” Is it Staff’s testimony that pro forma adjustments are appropriate, or may be appropriate, in circumstances where “there likely are no offsetting factors,” but it is possible that some may occur? Please fully explain your answer.

RESPONSE: Each instance would need to be fully evaluated on a case-by-case basis. The example used in his testimony was a postage change, and as long as the test period number of bills didn’t change, then there would not be any offsetting factors. The use of the term “likely” was simply to acknowledge a possibility of some other factor that could affect the number of bills sent out that would create an offsetting factor, although Staff could not contemplate such a situation.