

**AVISTA UTILITIES  
RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

JURISDICTION:	Washington	DATE PREPARED:	3/17/2000
CASE NO:	UE-991606	WITNESS:	Don Falkner
	UG-991607	RESPONDER:	Don Falkner
REQUESTER:	ICNU	DEPT:	Rates
TYPE:	Data Request	TELEPHONE:	(509) 495-4326
DUE DATE:	3/17/2000	FIELD AUDIT:	___ Yes <u>X</u> No
REQUEST NO.:	61		

**REQUEST:**

With regard to workpaper PF92 provided in support of the name change amortization amount contained in Exhibit No. 28, please provide a complete explanation of the benefits the retail customers of Avista will derive from the name change and why it is appropriate to have the customers pay for the change.

**RESPONSE:**

Name changes have become relatively common in the utility industry and are one of the costs of continuing to operate in today's utility environment. At the same time it was recognized that this is the type of cost that benefits multiple periods, so the Company proposed a 5-year amortization period for recovery in this case. For additional discussion on this item, please refer to pages 45 and 46 of my testimony, Exhibit T-26.

<b>WUTC</b>		
DOCKET NO.	<u>UE-991606</u>	
EXHIBIT #	<u>267</u>	
ADMIT	W/D	REJECT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>