

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

AVISTA CORPORATION, d/b/a AVISTA UTILITIES

Respondent.

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DOCKETS UE-240006 & UG-240007 (*Consolidated*)

**ROBERT L. EARLE  
ON BEHALF OF THE  
WASHINGTON STATE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
PUBLIC COUNSEL UNIT**

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**EXHIBIT RLE-5**

Avista's Response to Staff Data Request No. 177

**July 3, 2024**

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

JURISDICTION:	WASHINGTON	DATE PREPARED:	04/24/2024
CASE NO.:	UE-240006 & UG-240007	WITNESS:	Clint Kalich
REQUESTER:	UTC Staff	RESPONDER:	Lori Hermanson
TYPE:	Data Request	DEPT:	Power Supply
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**SUBJECT:** Power Supply

**REQUEST:**

Re: Kalich Exh. CGK-1T at 19 and Exh. CGK-6 RY2, row 10. Please explain why Account 555 does not include adjustments for the following material changes in power contracts:

- a. The 5 percent slice of Chelan PUD's hydro fleet beginning on January 1, 2026.
- b. The 2.4 MW of the P.E.C. 66.0 Development (adjusting for 12 months rather than 10 months)
- c. The 9.4 MW of the Quincy Chute Development (adjusting for 12 months rather than 3 months)

**RESPONSE:**

The Company did not propose a RY2 power supply adjustment including incremental 2026 net power supply costs, because the Company proposed to only reset power supply costs (and ERM baseline) effective in RY1 with a 60-day update prior to the RY1 effective date. This updated power supply result would remain in effect over the two-year rate plan (2025 & 2026), with the exception of removing the power supply sales and expenses associated with Colstrip Units 3 and 4 as required by law by January 1, 2026. As discussed by Mr. Kalich, sponsor of the RY2 Pro Forma Power Supply Adjustment 5.00P, effective with the RY2 incremental base rate increase, the Company is proposing to revise net power supply costs and the ERM baseline to reflect the mandated removal of Colstrip effective with RY2 only. In addition, the use of the proposed 95/5 ERM Mechanism on net power supply costs in RY2, as discussed by Mr. Kinney, would properly account for any variability in actual net power supply costs versus that authorized over the Two-Year rate plan, so that 95% of all costs and benefits would flow through to customers.