

**AVISTA UTILITIES
RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

JURISDICTION:	Washington	DATE PREPARED:	1/26/2000
CASE NO:	UE-991606	WITNESS:	Don Falkner
	UG-991607		
REQUESTER:	SNAP	RESPONDER:	Kathy Mitchell
TYPE:	Data Request	DEPT:	Rates
DUE DATE:	1/27/2000	TELEPHONE:	(509) 495-4407
REQUEST NO.:	55	FIELD AUDIT:	___ Yes <u>X</u> No

REQUEST:

Please provide a detailed description of how the Company calculates its uncollectible allowance. Separately provide the most recent calculation of the uncollectible allowance, including sufficient underlying workpapers and analysis to permit the duplication of the calculation.

RESPONSE:

Attachment A shows the 1998 and 1999 Reserve for Uncollectible Accounts, including balances at the end and beginning of period, the monthly provision (expense), recoveries, reinstatements and write-offs. The monthly provision is established at an amount designed to keep the Reserve for Uncollectible Accounts for Customer Accounts Receivable balance at approximately 2% of the average Customer Accounts Receivable balance. (See attachment B for Customer Accounts Receivable balances for 1997-1999.)

The monthly provision is adjusted when the Company believes that an adjustment is needed to bring the balance in line with the above mentioned 2%.

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DOCKET NO. <u>UE-991606</u>		
EXHIBIT # <u>263</u>		
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WASHINGTON WATER POWER

1999 RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTIBLE ACCOUNTS

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	12 MOS. YTD
WWP 1999													
BAL. BEGINNING OF PERIOD	1,427,532	1,463,802	1,497,536	1,560,004	1,546,148	1,483,930	1,374,359	1,318,635	1,301,790	1,365,382	1,522,393	1,787,397	1,427,532
Monthly Provision	149,994	149,994	149,994	149,994	149,994	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	149,994	150,000	1,799,964
Recoveries	30,712	54,033	56,508	73,854	49,298	49,260	63,127	52,330	65,657	124,129	46,721	43,562	709,191
Reinstatements	19,549	23,951	33,357	37,484	27,817	34,173	36,132	22,744	38,700	11,691	169,631	37,607	492,837
Writeoffs	163,985	194,244	177,391	275,188	289,327	343,004	291,595	257,875	254,174	197,529	150,766	153,122	2,748,199
Subtotal	1,463,802	1,497,536	1,560,004	1,546,148	1,483,930	1,374,359	1,318,635	1,301,790	1,301,974	1,453,673	1,737,973	1,865,444	1,681,325
** Other-Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BAL. END OF PERIOD	1,463,802	1,497,536	1,560,004	1,546,148	1,483,930	1,374,359	1,318,635	1,301,790	1,365,382	1,522,393	1,787,397	1,926,211	1,681,325
** Includes DSM writeoffs													
WWP 1998													
BAL. BEGINNING OF PERIOD	1,144,751	1,188,252	1,278,175	1,231,247	1,286,551	1,255,149	1,202,704	1,141,317	1,112,929	1,104,150	1,107,669	1,155,955	1,144,751
Monthly Provision	149,994	149,994	149,994	149,994	149,994	149,994	149,994	149,994	149,994	149,994	149,994	329,994	1,979,928
Recoveries	49,476	55,301	56,705	60,350	50,598	49,158	43,999	32,831	58,131	60,406	49,503	57,902	624,360
Reinstatements	27,986	33,923	27,649	135,628	22,131	21,516	18,919	18,034	25,544	20,371	20,772	24,623	397,096
Writeoffs	183,955	142,140	284,844	290,668	254,125	273,113	273,414	236,757	247,226	230,893	174,136	123,746	2,715,016
Subtotal	1,188,252	1,285,330	1,227,679	1,286,551	1,255,149	1,202,704	1,141,317	1,112,929	1,099,373	1,104,028	1,153,802	1,444,728	1,431,119
** Other-Miscellaneous	0	-7,155	3,568	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3,587
BAL. END OF PERIOD	1,188,252	1,278,175	1,231,247	1,286,551	1,255,149	1,202,704	1,141,317	1,112,929	1,104,150	1,107,669	1,155,955	1,445,485	1,427,532

Attachment A

> GU WWP,0000914210,FIN

ON GLMLY
LEVEL 02 LINK FROM CMEXX

----- GL:M - AMOUNT MAINTENANCE -----
CORP: WWP ACCOUNT: 0000914210 CENTER: FIN
CUST ACCT REC - CUST SERVICE

PER	1999 CURR YEAR ACTUALS	1998 LAST YEAR ACTUALS	1997 2ND YEAR ACTUALS
01 Jan	104,375,978.21	67,337,596.98	69,464,047.59
02	81,917,303.04	69,342,726.32	70,152,549.57
03	59,216,005.35	55,637,338.26	62,648,778.27
04	52,346,518.96	61,000,269.83	51,713,976.71
05	75,638,215.00	63,137,187.73	55,953,504.51
06	54,692,084.53	47,767,066.99	51,952,978.85
07	79,355,797.24	58,081,078.92	55,425,855.82
08	88,035,279.43	77,912,862.19	66,569,331.88
09	85,693,596.95	102,083,273.46	51,383,785.28
10	68,032,996.72	80,222,521.87	38,469,979.97
11	63,178,346.04	62,515,975.62	58,260,105.64
12 Dec	82,336,412.11	76,063,146.27	51,333,268.73
TOTAL	.00	.00	.00

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