AVISTA CORP. RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

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REQUEST:

Please answer the following question regarding the statement made in Exhibit No. (CGK-4T) at 9:4-6: "...there were very few CCCT plants not already owned by a utility company or under long-term contracts, and there were no such plants available for acquisition.".

a. How did Avista determine that "there were no such plants available for acquisition"?

RESPONSE:

Avista regularly communicates in the wholesale marketplace and as a load-serving entity is approached by 3rd parties wishing to sell power. The number of plants available for acquisition (i.e., not already owned or under contract) in the NW is small, consisting of just a few plants. My rebuttal testimony describing CCCT acquisitions since Lancaster show how few plants have transacted.