

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

JURISDICTION:	WASHINGTON	DATE PREPARED:	09/17/2009
CASE NO:	UE-090134 & UG-090135	WITNESS:	Clint G. Kalich
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REQUEST:

Please answer the following questions regarding the statement made in Exhibit No. ___ (CGK-4T) at 12:1-4: “The Company relied not only on its estimates of the costs of new CCCT plants, but on the professional work of other northwest utilities and the Northwest Power and Conservation Council, as well as an assessment of the marketplace for other resource options, such as a long-term power purchase”.

- a. How did Avista conduct its “assessment of the marketplace”? Did that assessment include requests from third parties for bids to provide firm capacity resources to Avista Utilities? If so, please provide such any and all requests and responses thereto.

RESPONSE:

Avista interacts in the wholesale market on a regular basis and is aware of transaction opportunities through 3rd party offers. We also talk to entities with an interest to sell power due to our position as a load-serving entity.