

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

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REQUEST:

At page 34, line 23, Mr. Norwood's Rebuttal Testimony states, "Further the Company actively participates in various groups and organizations that push for tougher energy codes and standards; the results of which further impact the deferrals." Please provide the following information:

- a) Identify and explain each "tougher energy code" or "standard" that was enacted as a direct result of the Company's participation in "various groups and organizations", indicating why the code/standard would not have been effected without Avista involvement.
- b) Describe with specificity all steps taken by Avista through its participation in "various groups and organizations" that caused the codes/standards set forth in your response to part (a) to occur.
- c) Explain and quantify how Avista's average gas usage per customer has been impacted in each of the past five years by each of the new codes/standards that were enacted due to Avista's involvement in the processes described in the referenced testimony.
- d) Explain the extent to which any of the codes/standards changes or any related gas usage impacts described in your responses to this data request would have occurred without Avista's involvement.

RESPONSE:

a. Avista directly participates in energy codes and standards improvement processes as well as supports various groups and organizations that push for tougher energy codes and standards. Avista does so because improved energy codes and standards can be the most efficient and cost-effective means of delivering greater energy efficiency. Please see the Company's response to NWEC-008.

In addition, as noted in the letter referenced in that data request, historically, Avista has been supportive of improved building and appliance energy efficiency standards and codes. This is because increased standards are, in the Company's opinion, the most cost-effective manner to deliver energy efficiency savings. At the same time, to promote adoption of code improvements, Avista advocates for working with affected stakeholders (e.g., builders and manufacturers) for education and training as well as appropriate messaging with customers. The Company participates in the three year building code review cycle in Washington and Idaho and has supported improved appliance codes as well as building codes for Washington state buildings in previous legislative sessions.

b. See (a) above.

c. The Company has not conducted any analysis regarding how Avista's average gas usage per customer has been impacted in each of the past five years by each of the new codes/standards that were enacted due to Avista's involvement.

d. The Company has not conducted any analysis regarding what would have occurred with or without its involvement.