AVISTA CORP. RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

JURISDICTION: Washington

DATE PREPARED: 6/19/2000

CASE NO:

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WITNESS:

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FIELD AUDIT:

___ Yes <u>X</u> No

REQUEST:

Please document any prior instance where Avista, or Washington Water Power, used a six-year average to determine storm or weather related expense in a general rate case before the Washington Commission.

RESPONSE:

I am not aware of any prior instance where the Company has used a six-year average to determine storm or weather related expense in a general rate case. However, the Company does use a six-year average for uneven and potentially extraordinary uninsured damages and losses due to utility operations. It is the Company's position that this would be the proper recovery vehicle for the necessary utility expenditures incurred due to the 1996 Ice Storm.

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