

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

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REQUEST:

Re: Avista's Response to Public Counsel's Data Request No. 283, Gas Replacement Window DSM Program.

Avista's response to this data request indicates that from 2006 to 2008, participation in this program increased approximately two-fold (711 participants in 2006 to 1,591 participants in 2008), but reported therm savings during this period increased approximately five-fold (29,191 therms in 2006 vs. 149,429 therms in 2008).

Please provide an explanation identifying any and all factors that Avista believes would contribute to this disproportionate increase in therm savings compared to the increase in participation levels from 2006 to 2008.

RESPONSE:

Washington participation for Gas Replacement Windows was 711 incentives, not customers, in 2006 and increased to 1,591 incentives, not individual customers, in 2008. Claimed therm savings did increase from 29,191 in 2006 to 149,429 in 2008, however, the claimed therms per square foot did not change. The nearly five-fold increase in claimed therm savings was attributable to both increased participants and a change in the program form.

Previously, the Company requested customers itemize the square footage of windows that were replaced for the east/west, north and south sides of the home. This was later changed to require only that customers submit the total square footage of the windows but not break it out by sides of the home.

The 711 incentives paid in 2006 represented far less customers (due to customer submitting windows in up to three categories depending on whether the windows were installed on the east/west, north or south side of the home) than the 1,591 incentives paid in 2008. So, if a customer replaced windows on 3 sides of their home in 2006, 3 different incentives were paid. In 2008, only one holistic incentive would have been paid.