

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

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**REQUEST:**

Referring to the statement that Firestorm legal fees "do not represent anything close to normal levels of year to year legal expenditures." (Falkner rebuttal, page 7, lines 14-15) Please document the total legal expenses for Avista Utilities for each year from 1989 through and including 1999.

**RESPONSE:**

Legal expenditures charged to expense for the years 1989 through 1999 is displayed in the table below. For clarification, the statement quoted above refers to the fact that Firestorm legal fees were related to an unprecedented, extraordinary event that resulted in a complex litigation, and they would not be included nor representative of "normal levels of year to year legal expenditures."

1989	\$96,498
1990	\$171,835
1991	\$58,875
1992	\$1,553,361
1993	\$1,495,048
1994	\$1,487,361
1995	\$1,647,661
1996	\$2,117,780
1997	\$1,626,146
1998	\$2,620,177
1999	\$2,487,737

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