

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

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REQUEST:

Provide the following information regarding the discussion on lines 1 to 15 on page 4 of Exhibit No. ___(RJL-1T) regarding the joint BPA-Avista study of “interconnecting Avista’s transmission to the BPA Lancaster substation” (lines 3-4):

- a. Describe and document the currently-expected scope of work and schedule for Avista’s joint effort with BPA to study such an interconnection.
- b. State specifically what the range of potential on-line dates for such an interconnection might be.
- c. Provide any and all preliminary cost estimates of such an interconnection.

RESPONSE:

- a. Avista has entered into the formal Line and Load Interconnection (LLI) process that BPA requires to be used for this type of interconnection request. More details process steps and timing associated with this process are included in PC_DR_529. The Company expects that the initial kickoff meeting referenced in PC_DR_529-Attachment A will provide the Company with additional details concerning the schedule for BPA’s LLI process, including scope of work involved with the interconnection and the schedule associated with the facility design and project construction.
- b. An estimate of the time required for design and construction of the facilities typically expected for an interconnection of this type indicates that such a project could potentially be completed within two years of completion of the LLI System Impact Study. The Company currently expects that study work to be completed by January 2010. This would indicate an operational date of approximately January 2012. However, this is only an estimate based on general design and construction timelines observed in the industry and is not reflective of an estimate provided by BPA. BPA estimates of construction on-line dates will not be available until later in the LLI process.
- c. A preliminary estimate of Avista’s direct cost for the Company-owned portion of this interconnection is \$3 million. Avista’s preliminary estimate of BPA portion of cost is less than \$1 million. Additional details about the cost of the interconnection will not be known until the LLI process and design work has been completed.