AVISTA CORP. RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

JURISDICTION: WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON

DATE PREPARED:

CASE NO:

UE-090134 & UG-090135

WITNESS: Robert J. Lafferty

REQUESTER:

Public Counsel

RESPONDER: Robert J. Lafferty

09/17/2009

TYPE:

Data Request

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REQUEST NO.:

PC – 529

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REQUEST:

In the Company's Response to Public Counsel Data Request No. 304, Avista stated "The Company anticipates having more information concerning the studies and projected timelines for interconnection available in August 2009. More details about the interconnection of Lancaster to Avista's system will be provided as they become available." Did the anticipated additional information become available in August 2009? If so, please provide such information. If not, please state when such information will be available and provide such information as it does become available.

RESPONSE:

No. In early August, after having engaged in a number of discussions, the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) indicated to Avista that the Line and Load Interconnection Procedures was the appropriate federal process to request a transmission interconnection at the BPA Lancaster substation, and the Company subsequently sent an application to BPA submitting such a request. The Company received a formal response from BPA, dated September 10, 2009, acknowledging receipt of the Line and Load Interconnection request. Please refer to PC_DR_529 – Attachment A for a copy of the letter from BPA officially responding to the Company's LLI request. In that letter, the BPA indicates that they plan to contact Avista within 30 days to arrange a kick-off meeting. The Company currently expects the LLI System Impact Study phase of the process to be completed by BPA in approximately January 2010. PC_DR_529 – Attachment B contains a copy of the current version of the LLI procedures. We expect the interconnection project to take a minimum of two years - please see PC_DR_528.

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September 10, 2009

In reply refer to: TSE/TPP-2

Mr. Kenneth Dillon Transmission Contracts Engineer Avista Corporation 1411 East Mission, MSC-16 Spokane, WA 99220-3737

Dear Mr. Dillon:

Avista Corporation (Avista) submitted a Line and Load Interconnection request to the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) on August 10, 2009, via E-mail and BPA entered it in the Line and Load Interconnection Queue as Request No. L0311 (Request). The Request seeks interconnection to BPA's Lancaster 230kV Substation in Kootenai County, Idaho.

BPA acknowledges receipt of Avista's Request and has determined that there are no deficiencies. BPA will be contacting Avista within 30 Business Days to arrange for a kickoff meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (360) 619-6015, or Shari Sundeen, Line and Load Interconnection Administrator, at (360) 619-6045.

Sincerely,

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