

AVISTA CORP.  
RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

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CASE NO:	UE-991606	WITNESS:	Don Falkner
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**REQUEST:**

The direct testimony of Mr. Falkner, pages 20-21, addresses the topic of a "balancing account" for hydro relicensing program costs. Mr. Schooley disputes the need for this accounting treatment. The issue is not addressed in Avista's rebuttal testimony. Has Avista dropped the balancing account idea for hydro relicensing costs?

**RESPONSE:**

It is still the Company's preference to implement a balancing account mechanism for "non-administrative" costs, or PM&E's associated with the implementation of the settlement agreement. The balancing account was introduced and accepted in our Idaho jurisdiction. A balancing account in Washington would conform the accounting for these material costs between jurisdictions.

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