

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

JURISDICTION:	Washington	DATE PREPARED:	2/21/2000
CASE NO:	UE-991606	WITNESS:	Dave DeFelice
	UG-991607	RESPONDER:	Dave DeFelice
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**REQUEST:**

Referring to Mr. DeFelice's prefiled testimony, Exhibit No. 33, page 7 (Transmission and Distribution Plant Plant):

- a) The Company proposed an increase of nearly 30.0% in Transmission, Account 352.0, Structures and Improvements. However, the notes for this account in the Company's underlying depreciation study state, "No Basis For Change." and also indicating "very limited retirements" have occurred. In that light, please explain this increase.
- b) The Company proposes an increase of 20.0% in Transmission, Account 358.0, Underground Conductors & Devices. However, the notes for this account in the Company's underlying depreciation study state "Insufficient survivor data to estimate service life & curve... No retirements and almost negligible additions." In this light, upon what does the Company justify a 20.0% increase in this depreciation rate?
- c) The Company proposes an increase of nearly 59% in Distribution Plant, Account 364.0, poles, Towers & Fixtures. However, the notes for this account in the Company's underlying depreciation study state, "No Strong Basis For Change." In this light, upon what does the Company justify a 59.0% increase in this depreciation rate?

**RESPONSE:**

- a) The major portion of the change in the depreciation rate is driven by the change in Net Salvage from -5% to -30%.
- b) The major portion of the change in the depreciation rate is driven by the change in Net Salvage from 0% to -15%.
- c) The major portion of the change in the depreciation rate is driven by the change in Net Salvage from +15% to -10%.

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