

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

JURISDICTION:	WASHINGTON	DATE PREPARED:	June 12, 2015
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**REQUEST:**

In its confidential response to UTC Staff Data Request No. 140, Avista provided two Project Change Request (PCR) Forms for extension of IBM and Ernst and Young System Integration (SI) Services. The PCRs sought additional funding requests totaling over \$5.8 million for additional contract resources necessary to complete the project.<sup>1</sup> Please provide all analysis and materials used to support the conclusion contained in the Ernst and Young PCR stating that the only viable alternative considered was to negotiate extensions given that Ernst and Young, the successor to EP2M/Five Point, was the primary contributor to the delay of the project through its substantial non-performance under its Master Service Agreement (MSA) and Statement of Work (SOW).

**RESPONSE:** The phrase in the above request, “given that Ernst and Young, the successor to EP2M/Five Point, was the primary contributor to the delay of the project through its substantial non-performance under its Master Service Agreement (MSA) and Statement of Work (SOW).” is the opinion of Staff, and does not represent the opinion or conclusion of the Company, or the record Avista has provided in support of Project Compass.

Support for Avista’s conclusion is provided in its response to Staff\_DR\_152.

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<sup>1</sup> In the Company’s confidential response to UTC Staff Data Request No. 140, Attachment C, Page 360, an additional \$3.9 million was authorized for Ernst and Young.