

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

JURISDICTION:	WASHINGTON	DATE PREPARED:	07/09/2015
CASE NO.:	UE-150204 & UG-150205	WITNESS:	Karen Schuh
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**REQUEST:**

The direct testimony of Avista witness Schuh, Exhibit No. \_\_ (KKS-1T), Page 21:21-27, along with her supporting exhibits—Exhibit No. \_\_ (KKS-4), Page 3, NGD-13, and Exhibit No. \_\_ (KKS-5), Attachment No. \_\_ NGD-13—relate to a forecasted capital addition of \$3.5 million in the third quarter of 2015 for the Goldendale High Pressure Gas Main Reinforcement Project.

Staff has made inquiries to both the County of Klickitat and the City of Goldendale to determine the permit and construction status of the project. The County has no record of the project. The City's Public Works Director indicated that an initial design meeting regarding the project was conducted between the City and an Avista Natural Gas Design Engineer on February 12, 2015. His recollection from the meeting was that Avista would provide the City its final design plan and apply for a construction permit from the City before the Company issued bids on the project. He further recalled that the Avista engineer indicated to him that construction was scheduled to begin in April of 2015. The City has not received from Avista its final design plan nor has it received an application for a construction permit.

***Data request:***

- A. What is the status of Avista's final design of this project?
- B. When does Avista plan to submit the design for approval to the City?
- C. When does the Company plan to apply for its construction permit from the City?
- D. Has Avista conducted an RFP/RFQ, received quotes/proposals and evaluated bids/proposals from contractors for construction?

If the answer is yes, please provide Avista's construction timeline, including time for permit and plan approvals, and the bid/proposal award amount for the entire scope of work included in the actual RFP/RFQ documents. If the contract has been awarded, provide the awarded contractor's construction timeline included in its contract. Explain and show how the awarded contractor's construction timeline takes into account time for approvals from the City or any other authority prior to the start of actual work on the project.

If the answer is no, provide the Company's timeline for issuing an RFP/RFQ, evaluating bids/proposals, awarding the contract, permitting, and construction, taking into account the few months still remaining in the 2015 construction season.

Any responsive materials provided in Excel format should be fully functional with all workbooks, worksheets, data and formulae left intact.

**RESPONSE:**

Avista spoke with Karl Enyeart of City of Goldendale and Steve Jones with Klickitat County in February 2015 in order to provide them advanced notice of the project as well as to understand any requirements that they might have for work of this type. At the time of those meetings, Avista expressed a tentative schedule that had bidding in Q2 of 2015, with a construction start date at the discretion of the contractor. Due to real estate developments, design time extensions, and material lead times the project is now scheduled to start September 2015 and be completed by November 2015. Since city and county permitting will be typical “utility right-of-way” type “over the counter” work permits, Avista will be expecting the construction contractor who wins the bid to obtain such permits prior to construction. This is common practice for Avista in these circumstances. Had the permits been more involved or time consuming, Avista would have pursued those prior to going out to bid on the project. The final design plan will be submitted to the state and county when the construction permits are applied for. Approximately 15% of the project falls within the jurisdiction of either the county or city, the remainder of the project will be on private easements.

- A. The design for this project is approximately 98% complete pending resolution of an easement item and final drawing review and approval by the Avista Engineering Manager.
- B. Once the job is awarded, the construction contractor will be responsible to submit plans to the city during their construction permit process. There is approximately 520 feet of work within city road right-of-way that will require a permit. The construction contractor will also submit plans to Klickitat County during the construction permit process. There is approximately 1,700 feet of work within county road right-of-way that will require a permit.
- C. Same as Item B above – the contractor will be responsible for permits on this project.
- D. No, the RFP is currently under review by Avista’s contracts and legal department prior to issuing the RFP to bidders. Here is the current project timeline as requested:
  - Issue RFP – 7/24/15
  - Evaluate Bids – 8/14/15
  - Award Contract – 8/17/15
  - Permit Request – 8/24/15 (By Contractor)
  - Construction – 9/1/15 to 10/30/15