

**AVISTA UTILITIES
RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

JURISDICTION:	Washington	DATE PREPARED:	3/2/00
CASE NO:	UE-991606	WITNESS:	Kathy Mitchell
	UG-991607	RESPONDER:	Kathy Mitchell
REQUESTER:	Staff	DEPT:	Rates
TYPE:	Data Request	TELEPHONE:	(509) 495-4407
DUE DATE:	3/3/00	FIELD AUDIT:	___ Yes <u>X</u> No
REQUEST NO.:	219		

REQUEST:

Refer to the 1998 FERC Form 2, pages 354 and 355. Indicate the average number of employees associated with these labor dollars. Also, provide the average number of employees associated with the labor dollars in the FERC Form 2 for the year 1986 and 1997.

RESPONSE:

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Please see Attachment A for average number of employees associated with the utility labor dollars on FERC Form 2 pages 354 and 355. The data was derived from Form 5500 Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan for the Retirement Plan, line 21j Nonexcludable Employees. (This would be both vested and non-vested but excluding temporary and casual employees)

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Avista Utilities
Average Number of Employees

Per WUTC Data Request No. 219

	<u>Per Form</u>	<u>Pentzer</u>	
	<u>5500</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Avista</u>
1998	1354	12	1342
1997	1310	12	1298
1996	1272	12	1260
1995	1354	12	1342
1994	1328	12	1316
1993	1340	12	1328
1992	1341	12	1329
1991	1279	12	1267
1990	1185	12	1173
1989	1114	12	1102
1988	1104	12	1092
1987	1219	12	1207
1986	1444	12	1432

Note that Avista Capital subsidiary employees (those with Avista Energy, Avista Advantage, Avista Labs, etc.) are not included in the above numbers. Pentzer employees, however, are included in the above numbers and are removed to arrive at employee numbers that correspond with the utility operations per Pages 354 and 355 of the 1998 Form 2.