

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

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**REQUEST:**

Please confirm that the business case does not include the following costs. If these costs are included in the business case, please identify where and the amount:

- a. Development and implementation of the metering opt-out program;
- b. Development and implementation (including billing changes and customer education) associated with any future demand response or time varying rate program;
- c. Development and implementation of any future efficiency program that relies on the interval usage functionality of AMI to deliver benefits or program results;
- d. The costs that customers may incur to purchase and implement home area networks or systems that interface with the AMI system;
- e. The development and implementation of “energy alerts;” and
- f. Development and implementation of programs and policies that will accommodate electric and plug in hybrid vehicles.

**RESPONSE:**

- a. The business case document (Exhibit No. HLR-3) does contain estimates for the cost of developing and implementing a customer opt out program, as provided in the Company’s response to PC/EP DR-014.
- b. A benefit of the Washington AMI system is that it will provide the necessary foundation for billing options such as time-of-use rates or demand response programs. This “optionality” allows the Company and Commission to consider future billing or rate options that otherwise might not be cost effective. Avista expects the costs and specific benefits of developing and implementing these types of future rate options, etc., will be estimated and evaluated in a future proceeding.
- c. Avista’s business case includes the estimated costs associated with delivering the financial benefits that are expected to occur during the life of the project, which includes customers accessing and utilizing their detailed energy-use data to help them conserve energy.
- d. While the advanced metering system will provide customers the benefit of having cost-effective access to and utilizing their near realtime energy use information, Avista has not included the cost, at this point in the project, of providing customers Home Area Network devices to access their usage data.
- e. Avista’s cost for the development and implementation of “energy alerts” is part of another project that is providing our customers with communication channels that suit their preference, which in this case is the ability to provide text messaging. Avista’s AMI system will be enabled to provide customers with information on energy use parameters they choose, delivered through this text messaging capability.

- f. Avista is currently moving forward with the development of supporting programs and policies to promote and accommodate electric and plug in hybrid vehicles, outside the Washington AMI project.