



LOAD FORECAST DESCRIPTIVE STATEMENT **(as specified in Standard WEQ-001-17.6.5)**

Avista-Transmission does not use load forecasts in its calculation of ATC. For service to native load customers, ATC on the Avista Transmission System is a function of resource designations or planned future resource designations, not load forecasts. Underlying assumptions for forecasted area load include temperature forecasts and comparisons to historical loads and temperatures for the given month. While forecasting software is used, human judgment is the primary input.

On a pre-schedule and real-time basis, Avista operates its resources to meet its control area (balancing area) load requirements, including all non-Avista loads located within Avista's balancing area and Avista's net scheduled interchange. On a pre-schedule and real-time basis, Avista does not operate or plan to operate its resources to meet native load. Accordingly, all posted daily native load figures are calculated estimates used only for purposes of meeting the Commission's posting requirements.

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