

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
AVISTA CORPORATION FOR AUTHORITY)
TO INCREASE ITS RATES AND CHARGES)
FOR ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS)
SERVICE TO ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS)
CUSTOMERS IN THE STATE OF IDAHO.)
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**CASE NOS. AVU-E-04-1
AVU-G-04-1**

**NOTICE OF SCHEDULING
NOTICE OF HEARINGS**

On February 6, 2004, Avista Corporation dba Avista Utilities (Avista; Company) filed an Application with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for authority to increase the Company’s general rates for electric and natural gas service by averages of 24.1% and 9.2%, respectively. If approved, Company revenues for electric base retail rates would increase by \$35.2 million annually; Company revenues for natural gas service would increase by \$4.7 million annually. A proposed reduction in the Company’s current Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) surcharge rate is also requested. The net amount of actual increase varies by class of customer and usage.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that pursuant to agreement of the parties and the Commission, the Commission has adopted the following procedural scheduling in this case:

Deadline for prefiling direct testimony and exhibits – Staff and Intervenors June 21, 2004

Deadline for prefiling rebuttal testimony and exhibits July 12, 2004

All prefile dates are “in-hand.”

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will conduct a **technical hearing** in this matter on **MONDAY, JULY 19, 2004 COMMENCING AT 9:30 A.M. AT THE COMMISSION’S HEARING ROOM, 472 WEST WASHINGTON, BOISE, IDAHO** and continuing if necessary through Friday, July 23, 2004 at the same location.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will conduct **public hearings** in northern Idaho for the purpose of receiving public comments. The **first public**

hearing will commence on **MONDAY, JULY 26, 2004 AT 1:00 P.M. AT THE SILVER VALLEY JOB SERVICE, 35 WILD CAT WAY, KELLOGG, IDAHO.**

The Commission will conduct a **second public hearing** for the purpose of receiving public comments on **MONDAY, JULY 26, 2004 COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE EDGEWATER RESORT, 56 BRIDGE STREET, SANDPOINT, IDAHO.**

The Commission will conduct a **third public hearing** for the purpose of receiving public comments on **TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2004 COMMENCING AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE NEZ PERCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ROOM, 1225 IDAHO STREET, LEWISTON, IDAHO.**

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this case will be held pursuant to the Commission's jurisdiction under Title 61 of the Idaho Code and that the Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 *et seq.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that discovery is available in Case Nos. AVU-E-04-1 and AVU-G-04-1 pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.221-234.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all hearings and prehearing conferences in this matter will be held in facilities meeting the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Persons needing the help of a sign language interpreter or other assistance in order to participate in or to understand testimony and argument at a public hearing may ask the Commission to provide a sign language interpreter or other assistance at the hearing. The request for assistance must be received at least five (5) working days before the hearing by contacting the Commission Secretary at:

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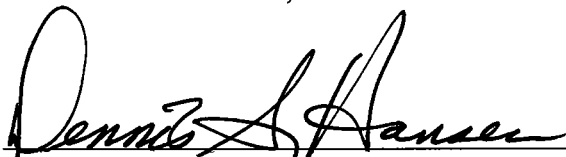
DATED at Boise, Idaho this 9th day of April 2004.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

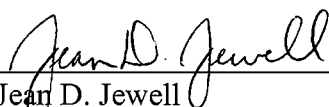


MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER



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Jean D. Jewell
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