

# BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF</b>	)	
<b>AVISTA CORPORATION FOR AN ORDER</b>	)	<b>CASE NO. AVU-E-07-02</b>
<b>REVISING AVISTA CORPORATION'S</b>	)	
<b>OBLIGATIONS TO ENTER INTO</b>	)	<b>NOTICE OF</b>
<b>CONTRACTS TO PURCHASE ENERGY</b>	)	<b>INTERVENTION DEADLINE</b>
<b>GENERATED BY WIND-POWERED SMALL</b>	)	
<b>POWER GENERATION FACILITIES</b>	)	<b>NOTICE OF</b>
	)	<b>JOINT SETTLEMENT WORKSHOP</b>
	)	(REFERENCE RELATED CASE NOS. PAC-E-
	)	07-07 (PACIFICORP) AND IPC-E-07-03
	)	(IDAHO POWER)

On April 2, 2007, Avista Corporation (Avista; Company) filed an Application with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (Commission) requesting a change in the Company's PURPA obligations for wind QFs. Avista proposes a raising of the cap on entitlement to published avoided cost rates for wind-powered small power generation facilities that are qualifying facilities (QFs) under Sections 201 and 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA) from the current level of 100 kW to 10 average megawatts per month (10 aMW), subject to the following conditions:

1. Reducing the published avoided cost rates applicable to purchases by Avista of electric power from wind-powered QFs by 12%, as a percentage reduction to be applied against scheduled avoided cost rates except where the QF developer agrees in the power purchase and sale contract with Avista to deliver QF output to Avista on a firm hourly schedule, in which case the percentage reduction shall be 6%;
2. Removing the requirement that the 90%/110% performance band requirement not be applied to purchases from wind powered QFs;
3. Authorizing Avista to purchase state-of-the-art wind forecasting services to provide Avista with forecasted wind conditions in those geographic areas in which wind generation resources are located, provided that QFs will reimburse Avista for their share of the ongoing cost of the wind forecasting service, in proportion to their percentage share of the wind-generator capability being supplied to Avista from that area;
4. Requiring QFs to deliver a "mechanical availability guarantee" to Avista to demonstrate monthly, except for scheduled maintenance and events of force majeure or uncontrollable force, that the QF was physically capable

and available to generate a full output during 85% of the hours in a month;

5. . . . (Disaggregation issue – separately noticed)
6. Clarifying that the cap on entitlement to published avoided cost rates shall be raised to 10 aMW only until Avista's total wind portfolio from all sources totals 400 MW.

A Notice of Petition in Case No. AVU-E-07-02 was issued on May 15, 2007. A Notice of Discussion Regarding Procedure was issued on June 4, 2007.

#### **NOTICE OF INTERVENTION DEADLINE**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that **persons desiring to intervene** in Case No. AVU-E-07-02 for the purpose of becoming a party, i.e., to present evidence, to acquire rights of cross-examination, to participate in settlement or negotiation conferences, to engage in discovery and to make and argue motions must file a Petition to Intervene with the Commission pursuant to Rules 72 and 73 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.072 and .073. Persons desiring to acquire intervenor rights of participation **must file a Petition to Intervene on or before Wednesday, July 18, 2007**. Persons seeking intervenor status shall also provide the Commission Secretary with their electronic mail address to facilitate future communications in this matter.

#### **NOTICE OF JOINT SETTLEMENT WORKSHOP**

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Commission Staff will sponsor a joint settlement workshop in Case Nos. AVU-E-07-02 (Avista), PAC-E-07-07 (PacifiCorp), and IPC-E-07-03 (Idaho Power) to explore whether parties can agree to a common generic wind integration adjustment to published rates. Participants in the settlement workshop must be a party of record in at least one of the identified case dockets. Settlement negotiations are conducted pursuant to Commission Rules of Procedure and are by their very nature confidential. IDAPA 31.01.01.272-276. The **joint settlement workshop** will occur on **TUESDAY, JULY 31, 2007 BEGINNING AT 9:00 A.M. AT THE J.R. WILLIAMS BUILDING EAST CONFERENCE ROOM, 700 W. STATE STREET, BOISE, IDAHO.**

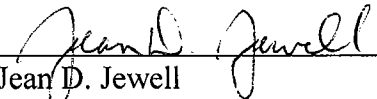
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all workshops, hearings and prehearing conferences in this matter will be held in facilities meeting the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Persons needing the help of a sign language interpreter

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 workshop. The request for assistance must be received at least five (5) working days before the workshop by contacting the Commission Secretary at:

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company's Petition may be viewed at the Commission's website, [www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov) by clicking on "File Room" and "Electric Cases," or can be viewed during regular business hours at the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, 472 W. Washington Street, Boise, Idaho and at the Idaho offices of Avista Corporation.

DATED at Boise, Idaho this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June 2007.

  
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Jean D. Jewell  
Commission Secretary

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