Office of the Secretary Service Date May 14, 2008

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF AVISTA CORPORATION FOR THE AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES AND CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS SERVICE TO ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS IN THE STATE OF IDAHO

CASE NOS. AVU-E-08-01 AVU-G-08-01 NOTICE OF SCHEDULING NOTICE OF TECHNICAL HEARING

On April 3, 2008, 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 in Idaho by averages of 15.8% and 5.8%, respectively. If approved, the Company revenues for electric base retail rates would increase by \$32.3 million annually; Company revenues for natural gas service would increase by \$4.7 million annually. The net amount of actual increase varies by class of customer and usage.

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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:

Production Request Deadline	July 25, 2008
Deadline for prefiling direct testimony and exhibits – Staff and Intervenors	August 15, 2008
Deadline for prefiling rebuttal testimony and exhibits	September 9, 2008

All prefile dates are "in-hand."

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will conduct a technical hearing in this matter on <u>TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2008 COMMENCING AT 9:30</u> <u>A.M. AT THE COMMISSION'S HEARING ROOM, 472 WEST WASHINGTON, BOISE,</u> <u>IDAHO</u> and continuing if necessary through Thursday, September 25, 2008 at the same location.

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will issue additional and later scheduling to establish dates in northern Idaho for Staff workshops and for public testimony.

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-08-01 and AVU-G-08-01 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:

> IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION PO BOX 83720 BOISE, IDAHO 83720-0074 (208) 334-0338 (Telephone) (208) 334-3762 (FAX) E-Mail: secretary@puc.idaho.gov

NOTICE OF SCHEDULING NOTICE OF TECHNICAL HEARING DATED at Boise, Idaho this

1 4th day of May 2008.

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MACK A. REDFORD, PRESIDENT

MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

JIN D. KEMPTON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

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