## BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF IDAHO POWER	)
COMPANY'S PETITION TO MODIFY	) CASE NO. IPC-E-15-01
TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PURPA	)
PURCHASE AGREEMENTS	)
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IN THE MATTER OF AVISTA	)
CORPORATION'S PETITION TO MODIFY	) CASE NO. AVU-E-15-01
TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PURPA	)
PURCHASE AGREEMENTS	)
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IN THE MATTER OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN	)
POWER COMPANY'S PETITION TO	) CASE NO. PAC-E-15-03
MODIFY TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF	
PURPA PURCHASE AGREEMENTS	) NOTICE OF
	) PUBLIC CUSTOMER HEARINGS

On January 30, 2015, Idaho Power Company filed a Petition to reduce the length of its power purchase contracts with qualifying facilities (QFs) entered into pursuant to the federal Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA). More specifically, Idaho Power's Petition asked the Commission to reduce the length of its PURPA contracts from 20 years to two years (Case No. IPC-E-15-01). In Order No. 33222, the Commission granted partial interim relief to Idaho Power by reducing the length of PURPA contracts to five years. Shortly thereafter, Avista Corporation and Rocky Mountain Power each filed Petitions seeking the same or similar relief (Case Nos. AVU-E-15-01 and PAC-E-15-03). On March 13, 2015, the Commission consolidated the three cases and granted Avista and Rocky Mountain the same interim relief granted Idaho Power. Order No. 33250.

Several parties petitioned for clarification regarding the scope of interim relief. The Commission thereafter clarified that interim relief of five-year contracts applies only to new PURPA contracts in excess of the published rate eligibility cap, i.e. IRP-based PURPA contracts. Order No. 33253. Clearwater Paper's and Simplot's request to limit the Commission's interim relief to only wind and solar IRP-based contracts was denied. Order No. 33286.

On March 18, 2015, the Commission issued a Scheduling Order setting this matter for a technical hearing. Rule 241, IDAPA 31.01.01.241. The Commission will commence its

technical hearing on June 29, 2015. Order No. 33253 at 4. This Notice sets out the public customer hearings in this consolidated proceeding.

## NOTICE OF CUSTOMER HEARINGS

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Commission will conduct a public customer hearing in this matter on <u>WEDNESDAY</u>, <u>JUNE 24</u>, <u>2015 AT 7:00 P.M. (MST) IN THE COMMISSION HEARING ROOM</u>, <u>472 W. WASHINGTON STREET</u>, <u>BOISE</u>, <u>IDAHO</u>. The purpose of the customer hearing is to take testimony from customers and other interested members of the public.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will also convene a telephonic customer hearing on <u>JUNE 30</u>, <u>2015 AT 7:00 P.M. (MST) IN THE COMMISSION HEARING ROOM</u>. Testimony will be recorded and made part of the Commission's formal record. Persons wishing to offer testimony telephonically or listen to the public hearing may dial the following toll-free number: 1-888-706-6468 followed by the Participant Code: 4435939.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the telephonic hearing will be held in the following manner:

- All participants will be able to hear the proceeding;
- A participant's phone will be automatically muted except when testifying;
- If you would like to testify, press \*1 (star one) on your phone key pad. This will sign you up to testify (put you in the queue);
- When it is your turn to testify, you will hear the prompt "ask your question." At that time, you will be sworn in over the phone and asked to state your full name, to spell your last name and to give your full address;
- When you testify please be sure to eliminate any background noise, such as the TV, radio, etc., in order that your testimony can be heard clearly and recorded by the Court Reporter. At the conclusion of your testimony you may be asked some questions; and
- If at any time after you sign up to testify, you decide that you do not want to testify, simply push the # (pound) key on your phone and you will be removed from the list of persons scheduled to testify.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings 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

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 PURPA. The Commission has authority under PURPA and the implementing regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to set avoided costs, to order electric utilities to enter into fixed-term obligations for the purchase of energy from qualified facilities, to review PURPA contracts, and to implement FERC rules. The Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 61 and PURPA.

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.* 

DATED at Boise, Idaho this

7th

day of May 2015.

PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

MACK A. REDFORD, COMMISSIONER

KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

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Commission Secretary

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