

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.)	CASE NOS. AVU-E-04-1 AVU-G-04-1 NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOPS
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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.

On February 25, 2004, the Commission issued Notices of Application and Intervention Deadline in Case Nos. AVU-E-04-1 and AVU-G-04-1. Parties requesting and granted intervention were: Potlatch Corporation, Coeur Silver Valley, Inc. and Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho.

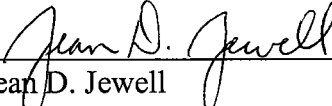
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Commission Staff will hold a **public workshop** for Avista customers on **TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2004 IN COEUR D’ALENE AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE NORTH IDAHO COLLEGE, 1000 WEST GARDEN AVENUE, COEUR D’ALENE, IDAHO IN THE BLUE CREEK ECHO BAY ROOM OF THE STUDENT UNION BUILDING.** At this meeting customers will have an opportunity to hear from Commission Staff regarding the Company’s Application in Case Nos. AVU-E-04-1 and AVU-G-04-1 and to ask questions of Staff and Company representatives.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission Staff will hold a **second public workshop** for Avista customers on **WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 2004 IN MOSCOW AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE BEST WESTERN UNIVERSITY INN, 1516 PULLMAN ROAD,**

MOSCOW, IDAHO. At this meeting customers will have an opportunity to hear from Commission Staff regarding the Company's Application in Case Nos. AVU-E-04-1 and AVU-G-04-1 and to ask questions of Staff and representatives of the Company.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application in Case Nos. AVU-E-04-1 and AVU-G-04-1 may be viewed on the Commission's website, www.puc.state.id.us, by clicking on "File Room" and "Electric Cases," or can be viewed during regular business hours at the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, 472 West Washington Street, Boise, Idaho and at the Idaho offices of Avista Utilities.

DATED at Boise, Idaho this ^{4th} day of May 2004.



Jean D. Jewell
Commission Secretary

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