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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)
_____)

CASE NOS. AVU-E-08-01
AVU-G-08-01

COMES NOW, Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho (hereinafter
“CAPAI” or “Intervenor”) and, pursuant to Rules 071-075 of the Commission’s Rules of
Practice and Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.071-075, hereby petitions the Commission for
leave to intervene in this proceeding and to appear and participate with full parties’
rights. In support of this Petition, CAPAI states as follows:

1. The address and name of the respective Intervenor is:

Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho
5400 W. Franklin Rd., Suite G
Boise, ID. 83705

2. This Intervenor will be represented in this proceeding by, and pleadings and other
correspondence need only be sent to:

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3. CAPAI is a non-profit corporation consisting of six community action agencies serving every county in Idaho and also includes, among others, the statewide Community Council of Idaho (formerly the Idaho Migrant Council) and fights the causes and conditions of poverty through building the capacity and effectiveness of its members who have a direct and substantial interest in this proceeding. These causes and conditions of poverty include high utility costs for PacifiCorp's low income rate payers. Low income families pay a higher percentage of their income for utility expenses than those in other economic categories. These conditions are often caused by living in sub-standard or older housing that is not energy efficient. Weatherization offers energy efficient retrofits for homes owned by low-income rate payers (at 150% poverty level). Currently, weatherization programs in Idaho have as much as a six year backlog of customers needing the service.

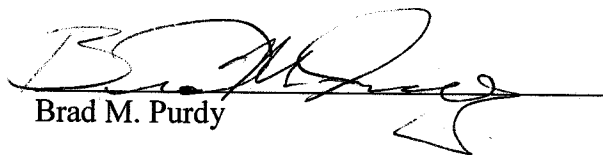
4. In this case, AVISTA requests an overall rate increase of 16% for electric and slightly less than 7% for natural gas for residential customers. This rate of increase is not only substantial but, because of the aforementioned reasons, will have a disproportionate impact on low-income customers whose rates are not segregated into any particular rate design class other than residential. CAPAI submits that the residential class of most of Idaho's regulated electric utilities often bear their full share, if not more, of the utility's overall revenue requirement. This fact, combined with the disproportionate impact on low-income, make substantial rate increases such as that proposed by AVISTA in this case, particularly burdensome absent some considerations or concessions that ensure that

the negative effect the rate increase will have on the poor, does not result in a negative effect for all of the utility's customers.

5. CAPAI intends to participate in this proceeding as a party and introduce testimony and exhibits, cross-examine other witnesses, engage in oral argument, file comments, and otherwise fully participate as a party.

WHEREFORE, the Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho hereby requests that this Commission grant its Petition to Intervene in this proceeding and to fully appear and participate as a party with all the attendant rights and responsibilities.

DATED, this 8th day of May, 2008.

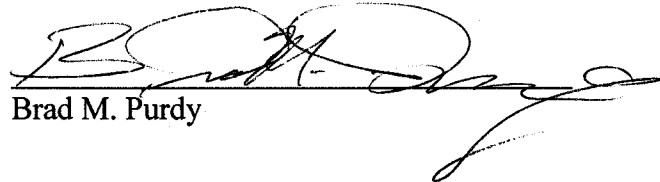

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 8th day of May, 2008, I caused to be served the foregoing COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP/ASSOCIATION OF IDAHO'S PETITION TO INTERVENE on the following in the manner stated.

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