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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	CASE NO. AVU-E-09-01
OF AVISTA CORPORATION FOR THE)	AVU-G-09-01
AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES)	
AND CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC AND)	LATE FILED PETITION
NATURAL GAS SERVICE TO ELECTRIC)	TO INTERVENE OF THE
AND NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS IN THE)	THE COMMUNITY ACTION
STATE OF IDAHO.)	PARTNERSHIP ASSOCIATION
)	OF IDAHO
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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 party's rights. In support of this Petition, CAPAI states as follows:

1. The address and name of the Petitioner is:

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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 Idaho Power'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. CAPAI is the only party who typically intervenes in proceedings before the Commission; specifically representing public utilities' low-income customers. Consequently, it is fair to say that CAPAI has filled an important role that long stood vacant. CAPAI believes that it fulfills an important role in this, and similar proceedings, and without the opportunity to participate as a party in this proceeding, would be unable to fulfill that role.

4. CAPAI respectfully requests the right 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.

5. Pursuant to Commission Notice, issued February 11, 2009, the intervention deadline for this case was scheduled for February 25, 2009. CAPAI offers the following reasons for the untimely filing of this Petition.

Specifically, when AVISTA filed this general rate case, CAPAI was under severe budgetary limitations that made intervention in this case impracticable if not impossible in terms of available resources, or lack thereof. As this Commission is aware, CAPAI has been substantially and continuously involved in numerous other proceedings before this Commission for at least the past year and has played a leading or key role in certain proceedings, particularly those affecting low-income customers such as the Commission's docket initiated to address energy affordability (Case No. GNR-U-08-01), took a leading role in lobbying vigorously for legislative changes affecting low-income customers of public utilities, and has participated in general rate cases for Idaho Power, Rocky Mountain Power and AVISTA, all of which had exhausted CAPAI's available resources.

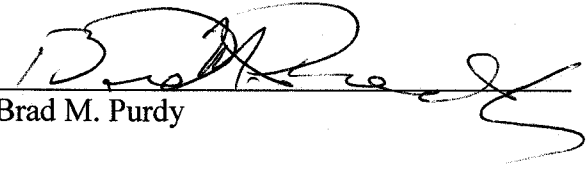
It is CAPAI's policy to only participate in cases where it believes that its involvement will aid the Commission in reaching evenly balanced decisions and where CAPAI's participation adds to the substantive analysis of the case without unduly expanding the scope of the proceeding. CAPAI submits that its participation in this proceeding would meet these criteria. As CAPAI has often pointed out to the Commission, its ability to participate in proceedings before the Commission is limited by available money and other resources. Thus, CAPAI often must forego involvement in cases it would otherwise prefer to participate in. Since the expiration of the intervention deadline in this case, however, particularly in the past week, CAPAI has marshaled what it believes to be sufficient funds to intervene in a manner that will materially contribute to the Commission's decision in this matter.

CAPAI notes that it rarely, if ever, has sought late intervention before the Commission, and respectfully submits that its involvement in this case will not, at this juncture, constitute unfair prejudice or disadvantage to the other parties to the proceeding. For example, the prefile

deadline for Staff and intervenors is still roughly two months away. Should there be any Production Requests submitted to CAPAI in this case, the latter will diligently respond to same with promptness.

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 30th day of March, 2009.


Brad M. Purdy

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned represents that on the 30th day of March, 2009, it has served the foregoing Petition to Intervene on the following parties via hand-delivery or overnight mail and by electronic mail (where available).

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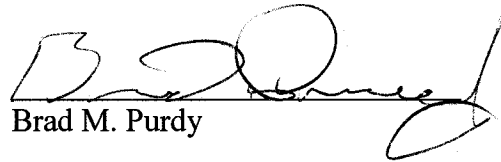
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