## **BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF AVISTA CORPORATION REQUESTING APPROVAL TO DECREASE ITS ENERGY EFFICIENCY PUBLIC PURPOSE RIDER SCHEDULES 91 AND 191

## CASE NOS. AVU-E-11-02 AVU-G-11-03 NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ORDER NO. 32355

On June 13, 2011, Avista Corporation filed an Application requesting authorization to decrease its Energy Efficiency Rider Schedule 91 (electric) and 191 (natural gas). The Company proposed to decrease the revenue it collected under the electric Schedule 91 by 0.3% of billed rates, or approximately \$750,000. Revenue collected under the natural gas Schedule 191 would decrease by \$2.9 million, or 4.2% of billed retail rates. On June 28, 2011, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure to process Avista's Application. On July 14, 2011, Avista filed a Motion to extend the comment period for an unspecified period of time, and on July 20, 2011, the Commission issued Order No. 32295 approving Avista's Motion.

On August 26, 2011, Avista and Staff filed a Motion for Approval of Stipulation and Settlement in the Company's rate case. Thereafter, on August 30, 2011, Avista filed a Motion to Withdraw its Application regarding Schedule 91, and requesting Commission approval of the decrease in Schedule 191 effective October 1, 2011.

The Commission finds it reasonable to issue an Order (1) allowing the Company to withdraw its Application to decrease the electric Rider, and (2) establishing a comment period on Avista's request to make its proposed decrease in Schedule 191 effective October 1, 2011. Accordingly, the Commission will accept written comments through September 22, 2011, on Avista's proposal to reduce its Energy Efficiency Rider Schedule 191 by 4.2%, effective October 1, 2011.

## NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the comment period in Case No. AVU-G-11-03, as previously noticed by the Commission on June 28, 2011, Order No. 32278, has been extended to September 22, 2011. The Commission will accept written comments through September 22, 2011, on Avista's proposal to reduce its Energy Efficiency Rider Schedule 191 by 4.2%, effective October 1, 2011.

## **O R D E R**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Avista Corporation's Motion to Withdraw its Application in Case No. AVU-E-11-02 is granted, and that case is closed. In Case No. AVU-G-11-03, the Commission will accept written comments through September 22, 2011, on Avista's proposal to reduce its Energy Efficiency Rider Schedule 191 by 4.2%, effective October 1, 2011.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this  $13^{44}$  day of September 2011.

PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

MACK A. REDFORD, COMMISSIONER

MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

Jean D. Jewell () Commission Secretary

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