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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF AVISTA CORPORATION DBA AVISTA UTILITIES FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES AND CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS SERVICE IN IDAHO CASE NOS. AVU-E-12-08 AVU-G-12-07

COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP ASSOCIATION OF IDAHO'S NOTICE OF JOINDER IN SETTLEMENT

COMES NOW, Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho (hereinafter "CAPAI") and, pursuant to prior Commission Notices and Orders, hereby notifies the Commission and all parties to this proceeding that it joins in the terms of the Settlement Stipulation executed by the other parties to this proceeding, and Motion for Approval thereof, filed with the Commission in this matter on February 7, 2013.

CAPAI did not initially join in the settlement agreement reached by the parties in January because it had areas of interest and concern that required additional time to investigate before CAPAI could determine whether the proposed settlement was in the best interests of its constituents and, if not, whether to file testimony advocating for terms and conditions not contained in the Settlement Stipulation. CAPAI has been involved in numerous discussions, engaged in informal discovery, and otherwise worked with AVISTA personnel and members of

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the Commission Staff to investigate issues and possible changes to, among other things,

AVISTA'S rate design for its residential customers. Both AVISTA and Staff cooperated with and facilitated CAPAI's efforts in this regard and CAPAI is now of the opinion that, although there remains additional work to be done in analyzing certain aspects of AVISTA'S residential rate design, among other matters, that the Settlement Stipulation, as proposed and executed by the other parties, is in the best interests of AVISTA's low-income ratepayers and all ratepayers in general. CAPAI's support of the settlement as proposed is unconditional.

Thus, although at this point it is not feasible for CAPAI to formally sign the Settlement Stipulation already filed with the Commission, this Notice is intended to serve as a *de facto* execution of and joinder in the settlement.

DATED, this 25th day of February, 2013.

Brad M. Purdy

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<u>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</u>

I, the undersigned, hereby represent that on this 25th day of February, 2013, I caused a true and correct copy of this NOTICE OF JOINDER IN SETTLEMENT to be served on the following via email and U.S. Mail, First Class, Postage Prepaid.

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DATED, this 25th day of February, 2013

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