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

# 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-17-01 AVU-G-17-01 NOTICE OF SCHEDULING NOTICE OF TECHNICAL HEARING ORDER NO. 33825

On June 9, 2017, Avista Corporation filed an Application seeking authority to increase the Company's general rates for electric and natural gas service in Idaho. Avista proposed a two-year rate plan that would increase annual electric billed revenues by \$18.6 million (7.9%) on January 1, 2018, and by \$9.9 million (4.2%) on January 1, 2019, and increase in annual natural gas revenues by \$3.5 million (5.7%) on January 1, 2018, and by \$2.1 million (3.3%) on January 1, 2019.

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The Commission issued a Notice of Application and Notice of Intervention Deadline and suspended the proposed effective date to January 1, 2018. Order No. 33808. Clearwater Paper, Idaho Conservation League (ICL), Idaho Forest Group, and the Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho (CAPAI) intervened as parties. Sierra Club also petitioned for intervention, but Avista objected to intervention. The objection will be addressed in a later Order.

With this Order, we adopt the proposed schedule, and schedule a technical hearing for the parties to testify before the Commission. The Commission will schedule public informational workshops, and a public hearing in a separate Order to be issued at a later date.

## NOTICE OF SCHEDULING

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that, based on discussion and agreement between the parties, the Commission adopts the following procedural schedule:

Settlement Conference	September 15, 2017
Staff/Intervenor Prefile Testimony	October 24, 2017
Company Rebuttal	November 21, 2017
Technical Hearing	December 6, 2017

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all testimony and exhibits in this matter must comport with the requirements of Rule 231 and 267 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure. IDAPA 31.01.01.231 and .267.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the parties have been directed to serve discovery, testimony, and exhibits among themselves by electronic mail pursuant to Rule 63. IDAPA 31.01.01.063.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that when filing discovery with the Commission, the parties shall provide an original and three copies to the Commission Secretary. IDAPA 31.01.01.061.02.

# NOTICE OF TECHNICAL HEARING

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will conduct a technical hearing on **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017, COMMENCING AT 9:30 A.M. (MST) IN THE COMMISSION HEARING ROOM, 472 WEST WASHINGTON, BOISE, IDAHO.** 

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission also intends to schedule public workshops in the Company's service territory, and a public hearing for customers and non-parties to testify before the Commission. The date, time, and location of the workshops and public hearing will be detailed in a subsequent Order.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the record in this matter is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. The record is available on the Commission's web site at <u>www.puc.idaho.gov</u>. Click on the "File Room" tab at the top of the page, scroll down to and click on "Electric Cases," and then click on Case No. AVU-E-17-01, or "Gas Cases," and click on Case No. AVU-G-17-01.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000, *et seq.* 

# ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Commission adopts the procedural schedule set forth in the above Notice of Scheduling.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a technical hearing will commence in this matter on Friday, December 6, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. (MST) in the Commission Hearing Room. DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this Z7tW day of July 2017.

PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER

ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

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Diane M. Hanian Commission Secretary

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