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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF AVISTA CORPORATION, dba AVISTA UTILITIES, REQUESTING AUTHORITY TO REVISE ITS ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS BOOK DEPRECIATION RATES

CASE NO. AVU-E-18-03 AVU-G-18-02

PETITION TO INTERVENE OF THE IDAHO CONSERVATION LEAGUE

The Idaho Conservation League ("ICL") requests leave to intervene in the above captioned matter pursuant to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.071-073. As discussed below, ICL has direct and substantial interests in these proceedings, and therefore should be granted intervention.

1. The name of this intervenor is:

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Please provide copies of all pleadings, production requests, production responses, Commission orders, and other documents to the name and address above. In the interest of conserving natural resources and reducing the costs to all parties, please provide hard copies of pleadings, testimony, and briefs only. Production requests, responses, notices, Commission orders, and other filings may be submitted via electronic mail in accordance with IPUC Rules 31.01.01.063.02-03.

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March 20, 2018

RECEIVED 2018 MAR 20 PM 1: 42 IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION 2. The Idaho Conservation League has a direct and substantial interest in this matter. ICL is a commercial customer of Avista in our Sandpoint, Idaho field office. ICL also has approximately 700 current, dues-paying members who are residential customers of Avista. On our own, and on behalf of our Avista-served members, ICL claims a direct and substantial interest in this proceeding arising from the potential for book depreciation rates to impact future electric rates and resource planning. We bring a unique and valuable perspective to this proceeding due to our interest in aligning depreciation rates with the useful life of resources in order to ensure the inevitable transition away from legacy fossil fuels occurs in an orderly and economically justified manner. Because we will focus on the appropriate depreciation rates for certain assets, ICL's intervention will not unduly broaden the issues in this proceeding.

3. ICL intends to fully participate in this matter as a party. The nature and quality of ICL's intervention in the proceeding is dependant upon the nature and effect of other evidence in this proceeding. If necessary ICL may introduce evidence, be heard in argument, and call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses. ICL may seek intervenor funding pursuant to IDAPA 31.01.01.161-165.

WHEREFORE, ICL respectfully requests the Commission grant this petition. DATED this 20th day of March 2017.

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Respectfully submitted,

Benjamin J. Otto Idaho Conservation League

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on the 20th day of March, 2017, I delivered true and correct copies of the foregoing PETITION TO INTERVENE to the following via the service method noted:

Hand delivery:

Diane Hanian Commission Secretary (Original and seven copies provided) Idaho Public Utilities Commission 427 W. Washington St. Boise, ID 83702-5983

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