BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	CASE NOS. AVU-E-18-03
OF AVISTA CORPORATION DBA AVISTA)	AVU-G-18-02
UTILITIES FOR AUTHORITY TO REVISE)	
ITS ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS)	NOTICE OF
DEPRECIATION RATES)	MODIFIED PROCEDURE
)	NOTICE OF SCHEDULE
)	ORDER NO. 34116
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On February 23, 2018, Avista Corporation dba Avista Utilities filed an Application requesting that the Commission approve changes to the Company's depreciation rates for electric and natural gas property. The Company included a request for an effective date of January l, 2019. Avista last changed its Idaho book depreciation rates in January and April 2013. Order No. 32769.

The Commission subsequently issued a Notice of Application and set an intervention deadline of April 23, 2018. Order No. 34014. Clearwater Paper, Idaho Conservation League (ICL), Idaho Forest Group, and the Sierra Club intervened as parties. Order Nos. 34016, 34049.

At the direction of the Commission, the parties conferred, and Staff recommended a procedural schedule to the Commission. With this Order, we approve the use of modified procedure, and adopt the proposed schedule.

NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a formal hearing in this matter and will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201 through .204.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any person desiring to state a position on this Application may file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission by **November 15, 2018**. The comment must contain a statement of reasons supporting the comment. Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. Written

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Townson, or other Persons

comments concerning this case shall be mailed to the Commission and the Applicants at the addresses reflected below:

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company shall file reply comments, if necessary, **no later than November 29, 2018**.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, based on discussion and agreement between the parties, the Commission adopts the following settlement conference schedule: **August 29**, **2018**; **September 25**, **2018** (if necessary); **and October 16**, **2018** (if necessary). The parties shall confer and agree to the time and location of the settlement meetings.

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 www.puc.idaho.gov. 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-18-03, or on "Gas Cases," and click on Case No. AVU-G-18-02.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this case will be held pursuant to the Commission's jurisdiction under Title 61 of the Idaho Code, and specifically *Idaho Code* § 61-525. The Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

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.*

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ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this case be processed under Modified Procedure. Interested persons and parties wishing to file comments or protests in this matter must do so no later than November 15, 2018.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Company shall file reply comments, if necessary, no later than November 29, 2018.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall conduct settlement conferences pursuant to the following schedule: August 29, 2018; September 25, 2018 (if necessary); and October 16, 2018 (if necessary).

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 27 Hd day of July 2018.

PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER

ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

Diane M. Hanian Commission Secretary

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