## BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

	_ )	<b>ORDER NO. 34133</b>
DEPRECIATION RATES	)	
ITS ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS	)	AMENDED SCHEDULE
UTILITIES FOR AUTHORITY TO REVISE	)	
OF AVISTA CORPORATION DBA AVISTA	)	AVU-G-18-02
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION	)	CASE NOS. AVU-E-18-03

On August 23, 2018, Avista Corporation dba Avista Utilities (the Company) filed an Agreed-Upon Motion to Revise Schedule, which asked the Commission to revise the schedule in this case, and to recognize that the Company is extending the proposed effective date for its new depreciation rates to April 1, 2019. The Company relayed that all parties have concurred with the Company's Motion.

Having reviewed the record, we grant the Company's Motion as discussed below.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Company's current depreciation rates for its natural gas and electric property were set in 2013. See Order No. 32769. On February 28, 2018, the Company filed an Application that requested the Commission approve new depreciation rates to take effect January 1, 2019. 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, Idaho Forest Group, and the Sierra Club intervened as parties. Order Nos. 34016, 34049. The parties proposed, and the Commission adopted, a procedural schedule for the case. Order No. 34116.

## THE MOTION

Due to delays related to the Company's proposed merger with Hydro One, the Company moved the Commission vacate the prior schedule and replace it with the following schedule:

- Settlement conferences shall be held on November 27, 2018, December 11, 2018, and January 22, 2019;
- 2. The Comment Deadline shall be February 15, 2019; and
- 3. The Reply Deadline shall be February 28, 2019.

The Company also asked the Commission to recognize that the Company was changing its proposed effective date for the new depreciation rates from January 1, 2019, to April 1, 2019. The Company relayed that all parties agreed with the Company's proposals.

## ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the schedule approved in Order No. 34116 is vacated; IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall hold settlement conferences on November 27, 2018, December 11, 2018 (if necessary), and January 22, 2019 (if necessary). The parties shall confer and agree to the time and location of the settlement conferences;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that interested persons and parties may file written comments or protests in this matter through February 15, 2019;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Company may file reply comments through February 28, 2019; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Company's proposed effective date for any changes to the Idaho depreciation rates is deemed extended from January 1, 2019, to April 1, 2019.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 30 day of August 2018.

PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

KRISTINE RAPER, DOMMISSIONER

ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

Diane M. Hanian Commission Secretary

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