BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF AVISTA CORPORATION'S APPLICATION TO CHANGE ITS ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS DEPRECIATION RATES

CASE NOS. AVU-E-18-03 AVU-G-18-02

ORDER NO. 34195

On November 2, 2018, Sierra Club moved the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (Commission), under Commission Rules of Procedure 19 and 43.03 and Idaho Bar Commission Rule (IBCR) 227, for an Order approving the limited admission, pro hac vice, of Matthew Gerhart in this matter. The Motion was signed and attested to by local counsel Benjamin Otto (Idaho State Bar License No. 8292).

In the Motion, Mr. Gerhart certifies that he is an active member in good standing of the Colorado State Bar who maintains the regular practice of law in Colorado. He further declares that he is not an Idaho resident or licensed to practice law in Idaho.

Mr. Gerhart and Mr. Otto certify that a copy of the Motion has been served on all other parties to this case, and that a copy of the Motion, accompanied by a \$325 fee and certificate of good standing, have been submitted to the Idaho State Bar. Mr. Otto acknowledges that his attendance shall be required at all Commission proceedings in which Mr. Gerhart appears, unless specifically excused by the Commission.

COMMISSION FINDINGS

The Commission has reviewed and considered the Motion and applicable rules, including IBCR 227 and Commission Rules of Procedure 19 and 43.03, IDAPA 31.01.01.019 and 043.03. Based on the filings of record and certified representations of Mr. Gerhart and Mr. Otto, we find that reasonable grounds have been demonstrated to justify the granting of limited admission of Mr. Gerhart as legal counsel for Sierra Club. We further find good reason to excuse the appearance of Mr. Otto in further proceedings in this docket unless needed by Mr. Gerhart.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Commission has jurisdiction in this case and over this Motion pursuant to Idaho Code, Title 61, and the Commission's Rules of Procedure, 31.01.01.000 *et seq*.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Motion is granted; Matthew Gerhart is hereby granted limited admission as legal counsel for Sierra Club.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the attendance of Benjamin Otto is excused from all further proceedings in Case Nos. AVU-E-18-03/AVU-G-18-02 unless needed by Matthew Gerhart.

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

PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

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Diane M. Hanian Commission Secretary

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