BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF AVISTA CORPORATION FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF PROPOSED SERVICE QUALITY MEASURES PROGRAM AND ASSOCIATED REVISIONS TO ITS ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS TARIFFS CASE NOS. AVU-E-18-10 AVU-G-18-06 NOTICE OF APPLICATION NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE ORDER NO. 34161

On September 10, 2018, Avista Corporation ("Company") filed an Application seeking approval of the Company's proposed Service Quality Measures Program ("SQM Program") and authorization to revise its associated electric and natural gas tariffs, Schedule 85 and Schedule 185 respectively.

The Commission now issues this Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure setting comment and reply deadlines.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company is a public utility engaged in the generation, transmission, and distribution of electricity and natural gas. The Company's service area includes eastern Washington, northern Idaho, and parts of southern and eastern Oregon. The Company submitted a proposed SQM Program as required by Commission Order No. 33953. Under the proposed SQM Program, the Company would track and report to the Commission annually its performance in meeting thirteen electric measures and nine natural gas measures. The measures are grouped into three categories: customer service, electric system reliability, and customer guarantees. The Company requests Commission approval of its proposed SQM Program.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company requests authorization to amend its electric tariff Schedule 85 and its gas tariff Schedule 185.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. These documents are also 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, then select "Electric Cases" or "Natural Gas Cases" and click on the case number as shown on the front of this document.

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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* §§ 61-502 and 61-503.

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*.

NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a formal hearing in this matter, and that it will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201 through .204. The Commission notes that Modified Procedure and written comments have proven to be an effective means for obtaining public input and participation.

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 no later than October 19, 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 comments concerning this Application shall be mailed to the Commission and the Company at the addresses reflected below:

For the Idaho Public Utilities Commission

Commission Secretary Idaho Public Utilities Commission PO Box 83720 Boise, ID 83720-0074

Street Address for Express Mail:

472 W. Washington Street Boise, ID 83702-5918

For Avista Corporation:

David J. Meyer, Esq. Vice President and Chief Counsel for Regulatory & Governmental Affairs Avista Corporation P.O. Box 3727 MSC-27 1411 E. Mission Ave. Spokane, WA 99220-3727 E-Mail: <u>David.Meyer@avistacorp.com</u>

Linda M. Gervais Senior Manager, Regulatory Policy Avista Utilities P.O. Box 3727 MSC-27 1411 E. Mission Ave. Spokane, WA 99220-3727 E-Mail: Linda.Gervais@avistacorp.com These comments should contain the case caption and case number shown on the first page of this document. Persons desiring to submit comments via e-mail may do so by accessing the Commission's home page located at <u>www.puc.idaho.gov</u>. Click the "Consumers" tab then click the "Case Comment or Question Form" and complete the comment form using the case number as it appears on the front of this document.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company shall file reply comments, if necessary, by no later than October 25, 2018.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider this matter on its merits and enter its Order without a formal hearing. If written comments are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider them and, in its discretion, may set the same for formal hearing.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Company's Application be processed by Modified Procedure, Rule 201-204 (IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204). Persons interested in submitting written comments must do so by October 19, 2018. The Company may file reply comments by no later than October 25, 2018.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 3rd day of October, 2018.

PAUL K DER, PRESIDENT

KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER

ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

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Diane M. Hanian **Commission Secretary**

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