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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF AVISTA CORPORATION FOR A DETERMINATION OF 2014-2017 NATURAL GAS ENERGY EFFICIENCY EXPENSES AS PRUDENTLY INCURRED

CASE NO. AVU-G-18-08 NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE

ORDER NO. 34444

On November 16, 2018, Avista Corporation ("Avista" or "Company") filed an Application requesting the Commission determine the Company prudently incurred \$2,899,525 in natural gas energy efficiency expenses from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2017. On December 19, 2018, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and set an intervention deadline. Order No. 34222. Commission Staff has since worked closely with the Company to understand its data and processes. Staff believes that the data, processes, and issues in this case are now sufficiently clear to recommend written comment deadlines.

With this Order, the Commission provides notice of Modified Procedure and sets written comment deadlines.

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 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 **November 18, 2019**. 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:

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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 "Case Comment or Question Form" under the "Consumers" tab, 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 **December 2, 2019**.

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 Avista'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 November 18, 2019. The Company may file a reply no later than December 2, 2019.

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DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 17 day of September 2019.

PRESIDENT

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Diane M. Hanian **Commission Secretary**

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