

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: IN THE MATTER OF AVISTA CORPORATION'S APPLICATION FOR A DETERMINATION OF 2016-2017 ELECTRIC ENERGY EFFICIENCY EXPENSES AS PRUDENTLY INCURRED; CASE NO. AVU-E-18-12.

IN THE MATTER OF AVISTA CORPORATION'S APPLICATION FOR A DETERMINATION OF 2014-2017 NATURAL GAS ENERGY EFFICIENCY EXPENSES AS PRUDENTLY INCURRED; CASE NO. AVU-G-18-08.

Commission Staff requests the deadlines for comments and reply comments set in Order Nos. 34444 and 34446 be extended for an additional three weeks to facilitate settlement negotiations between Commission Staff and Avista Corporation ("Company").

BACKGROUND

On September 17, 2019, the Commission issued notices of Modified Procedure for Case Nos AVU-E-18-12 and AVU-G-18-08, setting identical deadlines for comments and reply comments in both cases. Order Nos. 34444 and 34446. The comments deadline is November 18, 2019, and the reply comments deadline is December 3, 2019.


On November 5, 2019, Commission Staff began settlement negotiations with the Company at the request of the Company. Staff notified the Commission Secretary of the settlement negotiations on October 29, 2019, as required by Commission Procedural Rule 272, IDAPA 31.01.01.272. The settlement negotiations concern how the Company will improve documentation and reporting for its energy efficiency programs.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission extend the deadlines for comments and reply comments in both cases by an additional three weeks. This will give Staff and the Company time to negotiate towards a possible settlement.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to extend the deadlines for comments and reply comments in Case Nos. AVU-E-18-12 and AVU-G-18-08 for an additional three weeks—for a new comments deadline of December 9, 2019, and a new reply comments deadline of December 23, 2019?



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