

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION ) CASE NOS. AVU-E-23-01**  
**OF AVISTA CORPORATION FOR THE ) AVU-G-23-01**  
**AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES )**  
**AND CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC AND )**  
**NATURAL GAS SERVICE TO ELECTRIC ) ORDER NO. 35718**  
**AND NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS IN THE )**  
**STATE OF IDAHO )**  
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On March 14, 2023, the NW Energy Coalition (“NWEC”) moved the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”), under Commission Rule of Procedure 43.03<sup>1</sup> and Idaho Bar Commission Rule (“IBCR”) 227, for an Order approving the limited admission, pro hac vice, of F. Diego Rivas in this matter. The Motion was signed and attested to by local counsel Marie Callaway Kellner of Boise, Idaho (Idaho State Bar License No. 8470).

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

Ms. Kellner and Mr. Rivas 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. Ms. Kellner acknowledges that her attendance shall be required at all Commission proceedings in which Mr. Rivas 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 Ms. Kellner and Mr. Rivas, we find that reasonable grounds have been demonstrated to justify the granting of limited admission of Mr. Rivas as legal counsel for NWEC in this matter. We further find good reason to excuse the appearance of Ms. Kellner from appearing on behalf of NWEC in this docket unless otherwise required by the Commission or needed by Mr. Rivas.

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<sup>1</sup> Commission Rule of Procedure 19 also pertains to motions for pro hac vice admission.

## 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, F. Diego Rivas is hereby granted limited admission as legal counsel for NWECC.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the attendance of Marie Callaway Kellner is excused from appearing on behalf of NWECC in this matter unless otherwise required by the Commission or needed by F. Diego Rivas.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2023.



ERIC ANDERSON, PRESIDENT

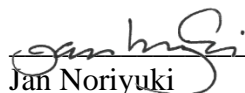


JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER



EDWARD LODGE, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



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Commission Secretary

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