

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	
OF AVISTA CORPORATION DBA AVISTA)	CASE NOS. AVU-E-10-01
UTILITIES FOR AUTHORITY TO)	AVU-G-10-01
INCREASE ITS RATES AND CHARGES FOR)	
ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS SERVICE)	NOTICE OF SCHEDULING
IN IDAHO)	
)	NOTICE OF
)	TECHNICAL HEARING
)	
)	ORDER NO. 31083

On March 23, 2010, Avista Corporation dba Avista Utilities filed an Application seeking authority to increase the Company’s general rates for electric and natural gas service in Idaho by averages of 14% and 3.6%, respectively. If approved, the Company’s revenues for electric base rates would increase by \$32.1 million annually. Company revenues for natural gas rates would increase by \$2.6 million annually. The Commission suspended the Company’s proposed effective date of April 23, 2010, for a period of 30 days plus 5 months. Order No. 31038.

On April 9, 2010, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and Notice of Intervention Deadline. *Id.* Seven parties filed and were granted intervention: Clearwater Paper Corporation; Idaho Forest Group; Idaho Community Action Network (ICAN); Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho (CAPAI); Idaho Conservation League (ICL); Snake River Alliance; and North Idaho Energy Logs. The Commission issued a Notice of Parties on May 7, 2010.

In response to the Commission’s directive, Staff convened an informal prehearing conference with the parties on May 5, 2010, to discuss the processing of this case.

NOTICE OF SCHEDULING

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that, pursuant to the agreement of the parties, the Commission has adopted the following schedule to process this case:

Staff/Intervenor prefile testimony due	August 5, 2010
Staff/Intervenor rebuttal testimony due	August 24, 2010
Company rebuttal testimony due	September 10, 2010
Technical hearing (Boise)	September 22-24, 2010

Pursuant to Rule 63.01, the parties also agreed to serve each other with discovery, testimony and other documents via e-mail. Exhibit numbers were assigned in the Notice of Parties. The parties further agreed that, after the Staff/Intervenor prefile deadline of August 5, answers to discovery should be provided no later than seven calendar days from the date the discovery request is served.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that testimony and exhibits filed in this case must conform to Rules 230 and 231. Parties shall file an original and nine (9) paper copies of testimony with the Commission Secretary on the dates such documents are due.

NOTICE OF TECHNICAL HEARING

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will conduct a **technical hearing** in this matter on **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2010, COMMENCING AT 9:30 A.M. AT THE COMMISSION'S HEARING ROOM, 472 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, BOISE, IDAHO** and continuing if necessary through Friday, September 24, 2010, at the same location.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will issue additional and later scheduling to establish dates in northern Idaho for Staff workshops and public testimony.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that discovery is available in this case pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.221-234.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all hearings and prehearing conferences in this matter will be held in facilities meeting the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Persons needing the help of a sign language interpreter or other assistance in order to participate in or to understand testimony and argument at a public hearing may ask the Commission to provide a sign language interpreter or other assistance at the hearing. The request for assistance must be received at least five (5) working days before the hearing by contacting the Commission Secretary at:

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(208) 334-0338 (Telephone)
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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, 61-503, 61-622, and 61-623. The Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

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.*

ORDER

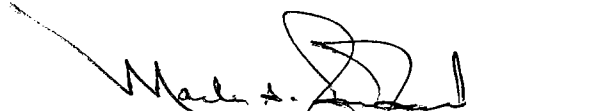
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the parties comply with the case schedule set out in the body of this Order. Parties shall also comply with the discovery and filing procedures set out above.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Commission shall conduct a technical hearing in this matter on Wednesday, September 22, 2010, commencing at 9:30 a.m. and continuing, if necessary, through Friday, September 24, 2010.

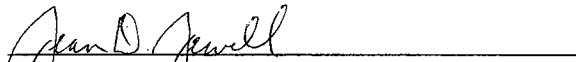
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 12th
day of May 2010.


JIM D. KEMPTON, PRESIDENT


MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER


MACK A. REDFORD, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:


Jean D. Jewell
Commission Secretary

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