

DECISION MEMORANDUM

**TO: COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER
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**SUBJECT: AVISTA'S APPLICATION TO FUND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECTS, CASE NO. AVU-E-13-08**

On August 30, 2013, Avista applied to the Commission for an Order authorizing the Company to accumulate and account for customer revenues that will provide funding for selected electric energy efficiency research and development ("R&D") projects, proposed and implemented by Idaho's four-year universities. The Company seeks authorization to fund up to \$300,000 per year of R&D from revenue collected through Avista's Schedule 91 (Energy Efficiency Rider Adjustment) effective November 1, 2013. The Company asks for the case to be processed by Modified Procedure.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission process the Company's Application under Modified Procedure with comments due October 21, 2013.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to process the Company's Application under Modified Procedure with comments due October 21, 2013?



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