## BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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) CASE NO. AVU-E-14-08
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) NOTICE OF APPLICATION
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) NOTICE OF
) MODIFIED PROCEDURE
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) ORDER NO. 33106

On August 14, 2014, Avista Corporation ("Avista") filed an Application seeking approval of an Electric Distribution Service Agreement with East Greenacres Irrigation District ("Greenacres"). Greenacres operates and maintains two Bureau of Reclamation-built pumping facilities on the Rathdrum Prairie, providing irrigation and domestic water supply to approximately 5,300 acres of land. Application at 2. To operate the pumping facilities, Greenacres receives electric power from the Bureau of Reclamation which is delivered through Avista's transmission and distribution facilities. *Id.* at 2-3. Greenacres and Avista have entered into a second Agreement for transfer of Bureau of Reclamation energy over Avista's distribution facilities. *Id.* at 3. The Agreement modifies an initial agreement approved by the Commission on April 16, 2009, and that is set to expire October 1, 2014. Order No. 30784.

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the parties executed the new Agreement on August 6, 2014, and have stipulated to an effective date of October 1, 2014, or such other date specified by the Commission. The Agreement does not contain a fixed termination date. The Agreement provides for the continued delivery of United States Bureau of Reclamation energy over Avista-owned and operated distribution facilities from Avista's Post Falls Substation to certain delivery points on the East Greenacres system.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Avista states in its Application that the distribution rate charged by the Company is "consistent with distribution charges embedded in current Idaho retail rates" and revenue received from the Agreement will help to offset Avista's fixed costs.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the distribution charge set out in the Agreement provides that Greenacres pay Avista \$4,231.74 per month or \$50,780.88 per year to receive electric service over Avista's distribution system.

## NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a formal hearing in this matter and will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Idaho Public Utilities 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 within twenty-one (21) days from the service date of this Notice. 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 Avista 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 <a href="www.puc.idaho.gov">www.puc.idaho.gov</a>. 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. These comments must also be sent to Avista at the e-mail address listed above.

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.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application and new Agreement have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. The Application is also available on the Commission's web site at <a href="www.puc.idaho.gov">www.puc.idaho.gov</a>. Click on the "File Room" tab at the top of the page, scroll down to "Open Electric Cases," and then click on the case number as shown on the front of this document.

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* § 61-503. 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 Application of Avista Corporation for approval of an electric distribution service agreement with East Greenacres Irrigation District be processed by Modified Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204. Persons interested in submitting written comments in this matter must do so no later than 21 days from the service date of this Order.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this  $27^{th}$  day of August 2014.

PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

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Jean D. Jewell

Commission Secretary

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