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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
AVISTA CORPORATION FOR THE REQUEST) CASE NO. AVU-E-14-10
TO USE AVAILABLE FUNDS FROM)
SCHEDULE 95 TO PROMOTE ROOFTOP) COMMENTS OF THE
SOLAR INTALLATIONS ON COMMERCIAL) COMMISSION STAFF
BUILDINGS.)**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, by and through its Attorney of record, Kristine A. Sasser, Deputy Attorney General, and in response to the Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure issued in Order No. 33151 on October 14, 2014, in Case No. AVU-E-14-10, submits the following comments.

BACKGROUND

On September 18, 2014, Avista Corporation dba Avista Utilities, filed an Application with the Commission requesting revisions to its Schedule 95—Optional Renewable Power Rate. The Company seeks to use available/surplus funds from Schedule 95 to promote grants for rooftop solar installations, 20 kW or smaller, on commercial buildings in Idaho. Avista requests that the revisions become effective November 14, 2014. The Commission suspended the proposed effective date in order to allow adequate time to review the Application. *See* Order No. 33151.