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Nov. 14, 2012

Jean Jewell
Commission Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
472 W. Washington St.
Boise, ID 83702

Dear Ms. Jewell,

Please find attached four copies of the Snake River Alliance's Petition to the Public Utilities Commission to Intervene in Case No. AVU-E-12-08

Respectfully submitted,



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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION) CASE NO. AVU-12-08
OF AVISTA CORPORATION FOR THE)
AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES)
AND CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC)
CUSTOMERS IN THE STATE OF IDAHO)

COMES NOW, Snake River Alliance (“Alliance”) and pursuant to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission’s Rules of Procedure Rule 71 IDAPA 31.01.01.71-075, petitions the Commission to grant its request for intervention in the above-referenced case, AVU-12-08. The name and address of this intervenor is:

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The Snake River Alliance is represented in this proceeding by Ken Miller. Correspondence in this docket can be sent to the above address or via e-mail to: kmiller@snakeriveralliance.org

The Snake River Alliance is an Idaho-based non-profit organization, established in 1979 to address Idahoans’ concerns about nuclear safety issues. In early 2007, the Alliance expanded the scope of its mission by launching its Clean Energy Program. The Alliance’s energy initiative includes advocacy for renewable energy resources in Idaho; expanded conservation and demand-side management programs offered by Idaho’s regulated utilities and the Bonneville Power Administration; and development of local, state, regional, and national initiatives to advance sustainable energy policies. The Alliance is pursuing these programs on behalf of its members, many of whom are customers of Avista Utilities and who are interested in promoting additional energy efficiency and renewable energy measures and in ensuring that these measures are administered in a prudent manner.

The Alliance has participated before and commented to the Commission in multiple electric regulatory proceedings on behalf of our members and as a public interest organization

representing clean and affordable energy interests in Idaho. Petitioner Ken Miller works regularly with utilities, regulators, and policymakers on energy efficiency and related issues.

As a lead public interest entity working toward sustainable energy policies in Idaho, the Alliance anticipates participating in this case on our behalf of our constituents. We believe our participation in this case will assist the Commission and the Parties in working toward a successful outcome inasmuch as the Alliance can help bring to this case the voice of clean energy advocates and also that of Avista Utilities' residential customer class. The Alliance has pursued clean energy initiatives longer than any non-government public interest advocate in Idaho and has a record of participating in energy efficiency and related cases before this Commission since 2007.

The Alliance is aware that Commission orders envision this case being processed under Modified Procedure, and is prepared to participate to the extent allowed under Rules 201-204 of the PUC's Rules of Procedure governing Modified Procedure. However, given the established interests of the Alliance and its membership in this docket, and given the potential for this case to include discovery proceedings as well as hearings and arguments on the merits of the application, the Alliance believes it is entitled to participate in those forums should they arise.

The Alliance further believes this application to participate in this case as a party is timely filed, and also that our participation in this matter will not unduly broaden the issues identified herein.

WHEREFORE, the Alliance respectfully requests the Commission grant its request to participate in this proceeding as an intervenor on behalf of its Idaho constituents.

Respectfully submitted,

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