

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT PETITION OF AVISTA CORPORATION, IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES STAFF, AND COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP ASSOCIATION OF IDAHO (CAPAI) TO INCREASE LOW-INCOME FUNDING UNDER TARIFF SCHEDULES 91 AND 191; CASE NO. AVU-E-18-02 // AVU-G-18-01

On February 20, 2018, Avista Corporation, Commission Staff, and CAPAI (“the parties”) filed a joint petition requesting approval of a settlement that increases funding to low-income programs.

BACKGROUND

On December 28, 2017, the Commission approved a settlement of Avista’s general rate case. *See* Order No. 33953. One provision of the settlement was that “[t]he Company and interested parties will meet and confer to consider whether the Low Income Weatherization Program and Energy Conservation Education Program funding should be increased from the current Commission approved levels...” *See* Stipulation and Settlement at 15. After extensive examination into how the low-income funding has been utilized, and conferring with the parties, an agreement to increase the funding levels was reached.

THE SETTLEMENT

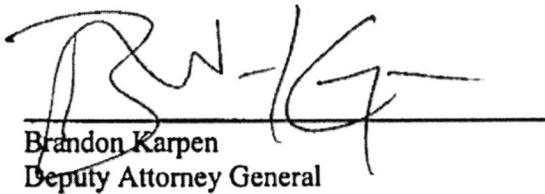
The parties report that after conferring on the issue, a funding increase is appropriate. Specifically, they agreed that \$125,000 of additional funding for Avista’s Low Income Weatherization Program, and \$25,000 of additional funding for Avista’s Conservation Education Program in Idaho be approved. The Company reported that the increase in funding “has no effect on the Company’s approved revenue requirement,” and that “the funding will come directly out of Avista’s Energy Efficiency Tariff Rider Schedules 91 and 191.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that this matter be processed by modified procedure. Staff further recommends that the Commission set a 21-day comment deadline for all parties.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to issue a Notice of Application, and set a 21-day comment deadline for all parties?



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