

IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

MINUTES OF DECISION MEETING

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

July 24, 2018 – 1:30 P.M.

In attendance were Commissioners Paul Kjellander, Kristine Raper and Eric Anderson. Commissioner Kjellander called the meeting to order.

The first order of business was **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING** on Monday, July 19, 2018. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

The second order of business was **CONSENT AGENDA:**

2. Action Item: Brandon Karpen's July 10, 2018, Decision Memorandum re: Avista's Application for a Change in its Electric and Natural Gas Depreciation Rates; Case Nos. AVU-E-18-03 and AVU-G-18-02.

3. Action Item: Edward Jewell's July 16, 2018, Decision Memorandum re: Joint Petition of Avista and the City of Cove, Oregon to Approve Power Purchase Agreement; Case No. AVU-E-18-05.

Commissioner Kjellander made a motion to approve Staff's recommendation for items 2 and 3 on the Consent Agenda. A vote was taken on the motion and it carried unanimously.

The next order of business was **MATTERS IN PROGRESS:**

4. Action Item: Brandon Karpen's July 17, 2018, Decision Memorandum re: Joint Application of Hydro One Limited and Avista Corporation for Approval of Merger Agreement; Case Nos. AVU-E-17-09 and AVU-G-17-05.

Mr. Karpen reviewed his Decision Memo and stated; two issues before the Commission related to the Hydro One Avista merger case; the first being the petition of the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) to intervene in the case. Avista has filed a response to that petition and IDWR filed a reply. The second issue before the Commission; on July 18, Avista filed an official notification to the Commission that the purchasing company of Avista has experienced some management changes; the purchasing company CEO and the Board have all resigned.

Commissioner Raper moved that the Commission grant an intervention request IDWR.

Commissioner Kjellander asked if there were any further questions. There were no further questions and Commissioner Kjellander moved to grant the motion. A vote was taken on the motion and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Raper moved that the Commission postpone the technical hearing currently scheduled for Monday, July 23, 2018 until such time as a new CEO and Board are seated by Hydro One; if this has not occurred by August 15, 2018 Avista shall file an update of circumstance with the Commission at that time we can consider a new procedural schedule. Also, any direct testimony should be prefiled in advance of the technical hearing.

Commissioner Kjellander asked if there were any further questions. There were no further questions and Commissioner Kjellander moved to grant the motion. A vote was taken on the motion and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Kjellander stated, there was no further business before the Commission and he adjourned the meeting.

COMMISSION SECRETARY

DATE OF APPROVAL