

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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DATE: JULY 7, 2016

SUBJECT: AVISTA GENERAL RATE CASE, CASE NO. AVU-E-16-03

On May 26, 2016, Avista Corporation applied to the Commission for authority to increase its electric base rates by \$15.4 million (6.3%). The Commission subsequently issued a Notice of Application and Notice of Intervention Deadline and suspended the first proposed effective date. Order No. 33536. Clearwater Paper Corporation, Idaho Forest Group, Snake River Alliance, and CAPAI intervened as parties. The parties have conferred and agreed to the following schedule:

Settlement Conference	October 3, 2016
Staff/Intervenor Prefile Testimony	October 25, 2016
Company Prefile Rebuttal	November 21, 2016
Technical Evidentiary Hearings	December 2, 2016

The parties believe this schedule will enable the Commission to issue its final Order by December 28, 2016, and before the first proposed effective date of January 1, 2017.

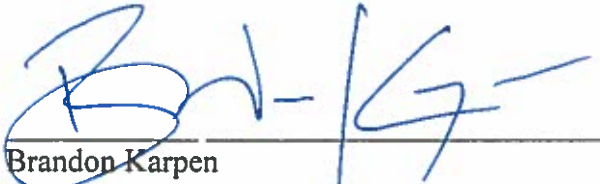
STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission issue an Order that adopts the above schedule and set a technical hearing for December 2, 2016. At this time, Staff makes no recommend regarding public informational workshops, or a public hearing for customers other than the

Commission should schedule workshops, and a customer hearing through a separate Order at a later date.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to issue an Order that adopts the agreed-upon schedule and sets a technical hearing as described above?



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