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March 10, 2006

Jean D. Jewell, Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
472 West Washington Street
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Boise, ID 83720-0074

Re: Case No. AVU-E-06-02
Petition of Avista Corporation To Discontinue Biennial Cost Reporting

Ms. Jewell,

Please find enclosed, for filing with the Commission, an original and seven (7) copies of Avista Corporation's Petition for an order to discontinue the requirement, under Order No. 28804, for the Company to file biennial cost information unbundling reports.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly O. Norwood".

Kelly O. Norwood
VP, State & Federal Regulation

Enclosures

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Representative for Avista Corporation

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

PETITION FILED BY AVISTA
CORPORATION FOR AN ORDER TO
DISCONTINUE THE REQUIREMENT
TO FILE BIENNIAL COST
INFORMATION-UNBUNDLING REPORTS

CASE NO. AVU-E-06-02
PETITION OF AVISTA
CORPORATION TO DISCONTINUE
BIENNIAL COST REPORTING

COMES NOW Avista Corporation, doing business as Avista Utilities ("Avista" or the "Company") and, pursuant to IPUC Rule of Procedure 53, hereby petitions the Idaho Public Utilities Commission ("IPUC" or the "Commission") to issue an Order to discontinue the requirement, under Order No. 28804, for the Company to file biennial cost information-unbundling reports ("Cost Reports") with the Commission.

I.

In 1997, in response to concerns regarding the potential effects of electric deregulation on retail choice, the Idaho State Legislature enacted Chapter 403, Session Laws of Idaho 1997, pp. 1279-1281, that created §§ 61-338 and 61-339 of the *Idaho Code*. Under these statutes, electric suppliers in the state of Idaho with over 1,000 customers were required to file unbundled cost information with the Commission. The IPUC was to compile the unbundled cost information and provide it to the Governor and

Legislature. The law contained a sunset provision and became null and void on January 1, 1999.

II.

In response to *Idaho Code* §§ 61-338 and 61-339, the Commission instituted Case No. GNR-E-97-1 to provide for the method and manner by which the Cost Reports would be compiled and submitted to the Commission. The Commission compiled the information and submitted the reports as required by law.

III.

Subsequent to Case No. GNR-E-97-1, the Commission, on its own authority, required that the investor-owned utilities under its jurisdiction continue to file Cost Reports on an annual basis beyond the January 1, 1999 sunset provision of the original legislation. The Avista proceeding was docketed as Case No. WWP-E-98-1. See Order No. 27679.

IV.

On August 15, 2001 the Commission issued Order No. 28804, in which it required Avista to continue to file the Cost Reports with the Commission on a biennial basis. In accordance with that order, the Company has filed Cost Reports as required. Additionally, in February 2004, Avista filed an electric general rate case that, by its nature, provided the Commission and its Staff the opportunity to review the Company's costs in significant detail. Moreover, the Company intends to file general rate actions with enough regularity that the Commission should have ample opportunity to examine the Company's costs.

V.

Given the anticipated frequency with which Avista intends to file general rate cases, Avista believes the Commission and its staff will continue to have access to a

breakdown of the Company's costs through the cost of service studies provided in the general rate cases. Accordingly, Avista submits that it is in the public interest to permit the Company to discontinue filing the Cost Reports required by Order No. 28804.

VI.

Service of pleadings, exhibits, orders and other documents relating to this proceeding should be served on the following:

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VII.

The Company requests that this Petition be processed under IPUC Rule of Procedure 201, et al., allowing for consideration of issues to be processed under Modified Procedure, i.e., by written submission rather than by an evidentiary hearing.

WHEREFORE, Avista Corporation respectfully requests that the Commission enter its order authorizing Avista to discontinue filing the biennial Cost Report required in Case No. AVU-E-01-9 and pursuant to Order No. 28804.

DATED at Spokane, Washington this 10th day of March 2006.



KELLY O. NORWOOD
VP, State & Federal Regulation
Avista Corporation

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

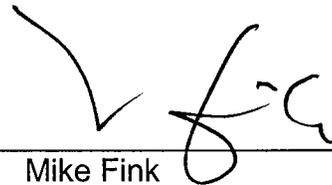
I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have served, on this 10th day of March, 2006, Avista Corporation's Petition for an Order to Discontinue the Requirement to File Biennial Cost Information Unbundling Reports, by mailing a copy thereof, postage prepaid to the following:

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