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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF AVISTA CORPORATION FOR THE)
AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES)
AND CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC AND)
NATURAL GAS SERVICE TO ELECTRIC)
AND NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS IN THE)
STATE OF IDAHO)

CASE NO. AVU-E-09-01
AVU-G-09-01

PETITION TO INTERVENE

Pursuant to Idaho Public Utilities Commission Rules of Procedure 53 and 71 through 73, the Idaho Conservation League (“ICL”) hereby seeks intervention in the above-captioned matter. As discussed below, ICL has direct and substantial interests in these proceedings, and therefore should be granted intervention.

For thirty-four years, the ICL has been Idaho’s voice for clean water, clean air, and wilderness. ICL works to protect these values through citizen action, public education, and professional advocacy. As Idaho's largest state-based conservation organization we represent over 9,500 members, many of whom have a deep personal interest in protecting our clean air, clean water, and quality of life. ICL’s address is PO

Box 844, 710 North Sixth St, Boise, Idaho 83701.

ICL has direct and substantial interests in this proceeding because the Avista Corporation's general rates for electric and natural gas service and its Power Cost Adjustment ("PCA") charge have significant impacts upon investment in energy efficiency and renewable energy in Idaho. ICL has an interest in promoting the responsible expansion of energy efficiency and renewable energy in Idaho, and decisions issued in this case may impact its ability to advance that interest. Moreover, ICL has individual members who are customers of the Avista Corporation. The interests advanced by ICL in this case seek to promote the acquisition of least-cost and least-risk resources, as well as rate stability for customers.

ICL seeks intervention in order to fully participate in this matter as a party and otherwise to present such materials as may be relevant to the Commission's decision(s) in this matter. ICL intends to seek intervenor funding pursuant to RP 161 through 165.

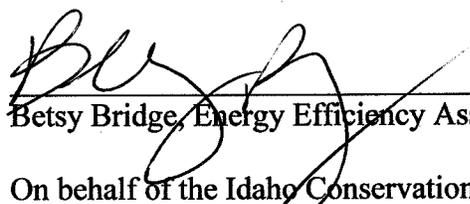
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WHEREFORE, ICL respectfully requests that the foregoing petition to intervene be granted.

Dated: February 16, 2009

Respectfully submitted,


Betsy Bridge, Energy Efficiency Associate

On behalf of the Idaho Conservation League

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 25th day of February, 2009, true and correct copies of the foregoing PETITION TO INTERVENE were delivered to the following persons via the method of service noted:

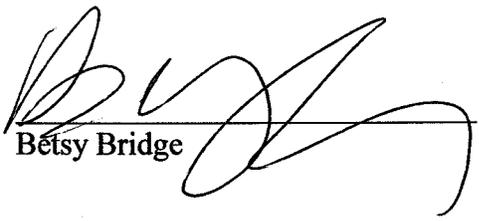
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