

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	
OF AVISTA CORPORATION FOR THE)	CASE NOS. AVU-E-09-01
AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES)	AVU-G-09-01
AND CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC AND)	
NATURAL GAS SERVICE TO ELECTRIC)	NOTICE OF SCHEDULING
AND NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS IN THE)	
STATE OF IDAHO)	NOTICE OF
)	TECHNICAL HEARING
)	

On January 23, 2009, Avista Corporation dba Avista Utilities (Avista; Company) filed an Application with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for authority to increase the Company's general rates for electric and natural gas service in Idaho by averages of 12.8% and 3.0%, respectively. As part of the filing, the Company also proposes to decrease the current tariff Schedule 66 Power Cost Adjustment (PCA)¹ surcharge by \$12.3 million, or 5%, for an overall net electric rate increase of 7.8%. If approved, the Company revenues for electric base retail rates would increase by \$31.2 million annually; Company revenues for natural gas service would increase by \$2.7 million annually. The net amount of actual increase varies by class of customer and usage.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that pursuant to agreement of the parties and the Commission, the Commission has adopted the following procedural scheduling in this case:

Deadline for pre-filing direct testimony and exhibits – Staff and Intervenors	May 29, 2009
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Deadline for pre-filing rebuttal testimony and exhibits	June 19, 2009
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All prefile dates are "in-hand."

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will conduct a **technical hearing** in this matter on **MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2009, COMMENCING AT 9:30 A.M. AT**

¹ The Company's PCA mechanism is used to track changes in revenues and costs associated with variations in hydroelectric generation, secondary prices, thermal fuel costs, and changes in power contract revenues and expenses.

THE COMMISSION'S HEARING ROOM, 472 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, BOISE IDAHO and continuing if necessary through Wednesday, July 1, 2009 at the same location.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will issue additional and later scheduling to establish dates in northern Idaho for Staff workshops and for public testimony.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this case will be held pursuant to the Commission's jurisdiction under Title 61 of the Idaho Code and that the Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 *et seq.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that discovery is available in Case Nos. AVU-E-09-01 and AVU-G-09-01 pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.221-234.

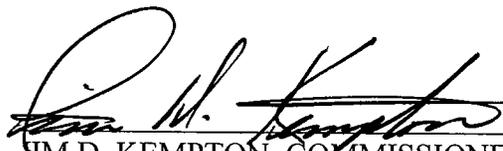
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all hearings and prehearing conferences in this matter will be held in facilities meeting the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Persons needing the help of a sign language interpreter or other assistance in order to participate in or to understand testimony and argument at a public hearing may ask the Commission to provide a sign language interpreter or other assistance at the hearing. The request for assistance must be received at least five (5) working days before the hearing by contacting the Commission Secretary at:

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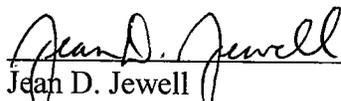
DATED at Boise, Idaho this 17th day of March 2009.


MACK A. REDFORD, PRESIDENT


MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER


JIM D. KEMPTON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:


Jean D. Jewell
Commission Secretary

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