

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	CASE NOS. AVU-E-09-01
OF AVISTA CORPORATION FOR THE)	AVU-G-09-01
AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES)	
AND CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC AND)	NOTICE OF
NATURAL GAS SERVICE TO ELECTRIC)	PUBLIC WORKSHOPS
AND NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS IN THE)	
STATE OF IDAHO.)	NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
)	
)	ORDER NO. 30782

On January 23, 2009, Avista Corporation dba Avista Utilities filed an Application with the Commission seeking authority to increase its 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 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's revenues for electric base retail rates would increase by \$31.2 million annually; revenues for natural gas service would increase by \$2.7 million annually.

On February 11, 2009, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and set a February 25, 2009, deadline for intervention. Idaho Forest Group LLC, Clearwater Paper Corporation, Idaho Conservation League, Idaho Community Action Network, and Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho requested and were granted intervention. The Commission also suspended the Company's proposed February 23, 2009, effective date. Order No. 30728. The technical hearing is scheduled to begin on June 29, 2009.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Commission Staff will hold two public workshops for Avista customers. The purpose of the workshops is to provide customers with an overview of the Company's Application and dispense information. At this meeting customers

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.

will have an opportunity to ask questions of Staff regarding the Application and how customers may further participate in the proceeding. Company representatives may also be available.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Commission Staff will hold the **first workshop** on **TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2009, AT 7 P.M. AT THE CITY OF SANDPOINT COMMUNITY HALL, 204 S. FIRST AVENUE, SANDPOINT, IDAHO.**

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that a **second workshop** for Avista customers will be held on **WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2009, AT 7 P.M. AT THE LEWISTON COMMUNITY CENTER, 1424 MAIN STREET, LEWISTON, IDAHO.**

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application and supporting workpapers, testimonies and exhibits have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. The Application and testimonies may also be viewed on the Commission's website at www.puc.idaho.gov by clicking on 'File Room' and then 'Electric Cases' and/or 'Gas Cases,' under the corresponding case numbers for this proceeding.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will convene two public hearings in this matter. The **first public hearing** will convene on **TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2009, AT 7 P.M. AT THE 1912 CENTER, 412 E. THIRD STREET, MOSCOW, IDAHO.**

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that a **second public hearing** will convene on **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2009, AT 7 P.M. AT THE TODD LECTURE HALL OF THE MOLSTEAD LIBRARY ON THE CAMPUS OF NORTH IDAHO COLLEGE, 1000 W. GARDEN AVENUE, COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO.** The purpose of the public hearings will be for the Commission to take the formal testimony of customers and interested members of the public. Testimony will be recorded and made part of the Commission's formal record for decision in this matter. The Company's customers and any other interested members of the public are encouraged to attend and give testimony.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all workshops and hearings 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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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.

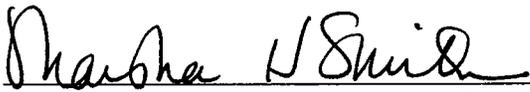
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted according to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000, *et seq.*

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that public workshops and public hearings in Case Nos. AVU-E-09-01 and AVU-G-09-01 shall be held at the times, locations and in the manner described in the body of this Order.

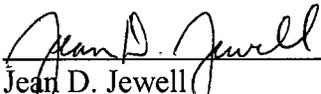
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 16th
day of April 2009.


JIM D. KEMPTON, PRESIDENT


MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER


MACK A. REDFORD, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:


Jean D. Jewell
Commission Secretary

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