

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF ANNUAL REVISIONS** )  
**TO AVISTA CORPORATION'S SCHEDULE** ) **CASE NO. AVU-E-09-03**  
**51 REGARDING LINE EXTENSIONS,** )  
**CONVERSIONS AND RELOCATIONS.** ) **NOTICE OF APPLICATION**  
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 ) **NOTICE OF**  
 ) **MODIFIED PROCEDURE**  
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 ) **ORDER NO. 30787**

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On March 31, 2009, Avista Corporation filed Tariff Advice No. 09-01-E proposing various revisions to Schedule 51 regarding the Company's line extension, conversion, and relocation charges. In Order No. 28562 issued November 27, 2000, the Commission directed Avista to annually update its Schedule 51 charges on or before April 1 each year. The purpose of the annual filing is to update the Company's line extension charges to reflect actual costs incurred in the previous calendar year. The Company requests an effective date of May 18, 2009.

The Commission Staff reviewed the proposed changes to Schedule 51 and noted that many line extension costs have increased from the prior year by approximately 10-11%. Staff observed that these cost increases are consistent with recent increases in the construction and materials industries. Staff also noted that the costs of electric transformers are down from last year. In particular, Staff noted that overhead transformer costs are down approximately 5% and underground transformer costs are down 11% from last year.

Staff recommended that the Commission approve the proposed changes to Schedule 51. Staff asserted that updating line extension costs annually results in new customers bearing their fair share of extension costs, rather than burdening existing ratepayers with the cost of serving new customers.

**NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a formal hearing in this matter and will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure 201 through 204, IDAPA

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31.01.01.201 through .204. The Commission notes that Modified Procedure and written comments have proven to be effective means for obtaining public input and participation.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any person desiring to state a position on this Tariff Advice **may file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission no later than 14 days from the date of this Order.** The Commission finds there is good cause to request comments within 14 days given the impending construction season. The written comment must contain a statement of reasons supporting the comment. Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. Written comments concerning this Tariff Advice shall be mailed to the Commission and the Company at the addresses reflected below:

Commission Secretary  
Idaho Public Utilities Commission  
PO Box 83720  
Boise, ID 83720-0074

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472 W. Washington Street  
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These comments should contain the case caption and case number shown on the first page of this document. Persons desiring to submit comments via e-mail may do so by accessing the Commission's home page located at [www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov). Click the "Comments and Questions" icon, and complete the form, using the case number as it appears on the front of this document. E-mail comments should also be sent to the Company at the e-mail addresses listed above.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider this matter on its merits and enter its Order without a formal hearing. If written comments are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider them and, in its discretion, may set the same for formal hearing.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Tariff Advice and supporting workpapers have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. The Tariff Advice and workpapers are also available on the Commission's website at [www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov) under "File Room" and then "Electric Cases."

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be held pursuant to the Commission's jurisdiction under Title 61 of the Idaho Code and specifically *Idaho Code* §§ 61-307, 61-503, and 61-622. 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.*

### **ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this case be processed under Modified Procedure. Interested persons may file written comments in this matter no later than 14 days from the service date of this Order.

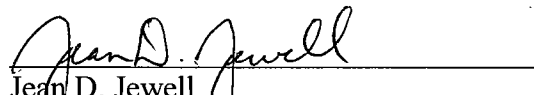
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 22<sup>nd</sup>  
day of April 2009.

  
JIM D. KEMPTON, PRESIDENT

  
MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

  
MACK A. REDFORD, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

  
Jean D. Jewell  
Commission Secretary

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