

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	
OF AVISTA CORPORATION DBA AVISTA)	CASE NOS. AVU-E-12-08
UTILITIES FOR AUTHORITY TO)	AVU-G-12-07
INCREASE ITS RATES AND CHARGES FOR)	
ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS SERVICE)	NOTICE OF SCHEDULE
IN IDAHO)	
)	ORDER NO. 32689

On October 11, 2012, Avista Corporation applied to the Commission for authority to increase its electric base rates by \$11.4 million (4.6%) and its natural gas base rates by \$4.6 million (7.2%). Application at 1. The Company says its request would increase the average residential customer's (1) electric bill by \$4.20 (5.3%); and (2) natural gas bill by \$4.12 (7.8%). *Id.* at 11. The Company proposes the new rates take effect on April 1, 2013. *See* Amendment to Application.

On October 30, 2012, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and Notice of Intervention Deadline. Order No. 32671. The following parties intervened in the case: Idaho Forest Group, LLC; Clearwater Paper Corporation; Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho; Idaho Conservation League; and Snake River Alliance. The parties subsequently agreed to a schedule by which to process this case. With this Order, we adopt that schedule.

NOTICE OF SCHEDULE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Commission adopts the following schedule pursuant to the agreement of the parties:

DATE	ACTIVITY
February 27, 2013	Deadline for Staff/Intervenors to prefile direct testimony and exhibits
March 22, 2013	Deadline for Company to prefile rebuttal testimony and exhibits
April 8-10, 2013	Tentative Date for Technical Hearing
May 10, 2013	Target Date for Order

Because the schedule includes dates that are later than the proposed, April 1, 2013 effective date, it is necessary to suspend the effective date of the proposed rate changes. We thus suspend the effective date for thirty (30) days plus five (5) months from April 1, 2013, or until such time as the Commission enters an Order accepting, rejecting or modifying the Application in this matter. In this regard, the Commission is mindful that the parties would like the Order to be issued by May 10, 2013.

The prepared testimony and exhibits must conform to the requirements of Rules 231, 266 and 267 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure. Reference IDAPA 31.01.01.231 and .266-267. The above deadlines are for testimony and exhibit filing with the Commission. E-copy service on parties of record should be made on the same date to the extent practicable with full service of testimony and exhibits provided to parties of record no later than the following business day.

The parties are apprised that discovery is available pursuant to Commission Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.221-234. The parties should coordinate discovery requests and responses so that they are able to comply with the established prefile deadlines.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that additional notices of the place, date and hour for public workshop(s) and public hearing(s) in northern Idaho, and for the technical hearing, will be issued later.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above schedule is adopted, and the proposed schedules of rates and charges in these cases are suspended as noted above.

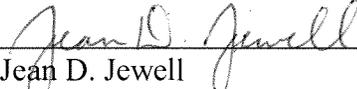
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 4th
day of December 2012.


PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT


MACK A. REDFORD, COMMISSIONER


MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:


Jean D. Jewell
Commission Secretary

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