

Idaho Public Utilities Commission

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Avista proposes changes for developers seeking sales agreements with utility

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is taking comment through March 14 on an Avista Utilities application to revise procedures for entering into power sales contracts with small, independent energy developers.

The provisions apply to small-power developers seeking power purchase agreements with Avista under the provisions of PURPA, the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act. PURPA requires utilities to buy the output from qualifying small-power facilities at rates that are equal to what it costs the utility to generate the power itself or buy from another source.

The changes include information that small-power developers must provide the utility and timelines that both Avista and the small-power producers must meet. The proposal also includes a dispute resolution process if the parties are not able to agree on one or more terms of the power purchase agreement.

Avista Utilities serves about 125,000 customers in north Idaho.

A more thorough explanation of Avista's proposed changes is available on the commission's Web site at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click on "Open Cases" under the "Electric" heading and then on the application link under Case No. AVU-E-14-01.

Comments are accepted via e-mail through March 14 by accessing the commission's homepage and clicking on "Case Comment Form," under the "Electric" heading. Fill in the case number (AVU-E-14-01) and enter your comments. Comments can also be mailed to P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0074 or faxed to (208) 334-3762.