

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION |) | |
| OF AVISTA CORPORATION FOR |) | CASE NO. AVU-E-14-03 |
| APPROVAL OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO |) | |
| SCHEDULE 62. |) | NOTICE OF APPLICATION |
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| |) | NOTICE OF |
| |) | MODIFIED PROCEDURE |
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| |) | ORDER NO. 33028 |

On March 28, 2014, Avista Corporation filed an Application proposing revisions to its tariff Schedule 62, Cogeneration and Small Power Production Schedule. Avista asks that its Application be processed by Modified Procedure. The Company also requests that its proposed changes be effective as of May 5, 2014.

BACKGROUND

Avista's Application is submitted in response to workshops held between parties to the GNR-E-11-03 case. The Commission's final Order in GNR-E-11-03 noted that multiple parties to the case submitted proposals regarding Commission approval of contracting procedures and rules for utilities and QFs. The Commission stated that a fair and consistent set of rules "would reduce confusion and provide more certainty regarding the expectations of all contracting parties." Order No. 32697 at 48. The Commission directed the parties to participate in workshops in order "to begin to form a structure for fair and reasonable contracting procedures and rules." *Id.* The parties collaborated and, ultimately, submitted a draft tariff to the Commission that utilities could use as a model in the creation of a utility-specific tariff.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Avista maintains that its proposed tariff revisions provide procedures to be used by Avista and QF developers in negotiating and entering into power purchase agreements for the sale of the electrical output of QFs to Avista under PURPA at avoided cost rates.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Avista asserts that the proposed procedures generally (1) detail the information QF developers are to provide to the Company; and (2)

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provide timelines for both QF developers and Avista to follow in the process for negotiating and entering into a power purchase agreement.

NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE

YOU ARE FURTHER 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 Rules 201 through 204 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-204. The Commission notes that Modified Procedure and written comments have proven to be an effective means for obtaining public input and participation.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any person desiring to state a position on this Application may file a written comment in support or in opposition with the Commission **no later than twenty-one (21) days from the service date of this Order**. The 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 Application may be mailed to the Commission and Idaho Power at the addresses reflected below:

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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. Click the "Case Comment or Question Form" under the "Consumers" tab, and complete the comment form using the case number as it

appears on the front of this document. These comments must also be sent to Avista at the e-mail addresses listed above.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the deadline, the Commission may consider the matter on its merits and may enter its Order without a formal hearing. If comments or protests are filed within the deadline, the Commission will consider them and in its discretion may set the matter for hearing or may decide the matter and issue its Order based on the written positions before it. IDAPA 31.01.01.204.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application and supporting workpapers have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. The Application is also available on the Commission's web site at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click on the "File Room" tab at the top of the page, scroll down to the type of "Open Electric Cases," and then click on the case number as shown on the front of this document.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, although the Company requests that its proposed changes be effective May 5, 2014, the Commission finds it appropriate to suspend the proposed effective date for a period of thirty (30) days plus five (5) months, or until such time as the Commission issues an Order accepting, rejecting or modifying the Application. See *Idaho Code* § 61-622; IDAPA 31.01.01.123.03.

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.*

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Application of Avista Corporation for approval of proposed revisions to Schedule 62 be processed by Modified Procedure. Persons interested in submitting written comments in this matter must do so no later than twenty-one (21) days from the service date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the proposed effective date of May 5, 2014, be suspended for a period of thirty (30) days plus five (5) months pursuant to *Idaho Code* § 61-622 and IDAPA 31.01.01.123.03.


DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 24th day of April 2014.


PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT


MACK A. REDFORD, COMMISSIONER


MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:


Jean D. Jewell
Commission Secretary

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