

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT )  
PETITION OF AVISTA CORPORATION )  
AND CLEARWATER PAPER )  
CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF )  
AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE ELECTRIC )  
SERVICE AGREEMENT )  
) **CASE NO. AVU-E-15-06**  
) **NOTICE OF PETITION**  
) **NOTICE OF**  
) **MODIFIED PROCEDURE**  
) **ORDER NO. 33312**

## NOTICE OF PETITION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Parties have agreed upon two modifications to their Agreement. First, while Clearwater uses its own generation to meet some of its energy needs, “it has additional generating capacity that generally is not economical given current energy rates and wholesale market conditions. . . .” Joint Petition at 3. However, at certain times, the Parties contemplate that wholesale energy prices may increase to a level that would make Clearwater’s ability to produce additional capacity economical. During such periods, the proposed Amendment provides that Avista may require additional generation “in order to meet its system load requirement, and in lieu of purchasing energy in a higher price wholesale market, would instead purchase from Clearwater such ‘Incremental Energy’ at a mutually agreed upon price.” *Id.* The rates for the purchase of such Incremental Energy is not set out in the amendment but will be “a mutually agreed upon price” at the time the Parties agree to sell/purchase the Incremental Energy. The Parties maintain that the ability to purchase incremental energy would benefit both Clearwater and Avista by providing a lower cost alternative to making market purchases.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that in the second modification, the Parties have agreed to extend the length of their existing Agreement by three years, to now terminate on June 30, 2021. Instead of continuing the existing Agreement on a year-to-year basis (see Section 2), the Parties maintain that the three-year extension allows them to plan for both generation by Clearwater and meeting customer demand by Avista.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Petition and the proposed modifications have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. The Petition and Amendment are also available on the Commission’s web site at [www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov). Click on the “File Room” tab at the top of the page, scroll down to “Open Electric Cases,” and then click on the case number as shown on the front of this document.

## 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 through .204. The Commission notes that Modified

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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 Petition may file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission **no later than July 17, 2015**. 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 Petition shall be mailed to the Commission and the Parties at the addresses reflected below:

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

Street Address for Express Mail:

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 "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.

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 Parties may file reply comments, if necessary, **no later than July 22, 2015.**

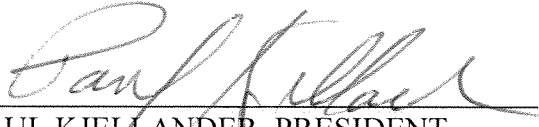
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this case will be held pursuant to the Commission's jurisdiction under Title 61 of the Idaho Code and specifically *Idaho Code* §§ 61-502 and 61-503. The Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

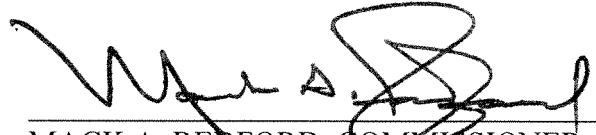
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 *et seq.*

### **ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Avista Corporation and Clearwater Paper Corporation's Joint Petition be processed under Modified Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204. Persons interested in submitting written comments in this matter must do so no later than July 17, 2015. Avista and Clearwater may file reply comments (if necessary) no later than July 22, 2015.

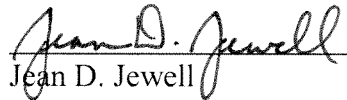
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 3<sup>rd</sup>  
day of June 2015.

  
PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

  
MACK A. REDFORD, COMMISSIONER

  
KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

  
Jean D. Jewell  
Commission Secretary

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