

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF AVISTA CORPORATION DBA AVISTA) CASE NO. AVU-E-16-03
UTILITIES FOR AUTHORITY TO)
INCREASE ITS RATES AND CHARGES FOR)
ELECTRIC SERVICE IN IDAHO) NOTICE OF
PUBLIC WORKSHOPS**

On May 26, 2016, Avista Corporation dba Avista Utilities filed an Application seeking authority to increase its electric base rates by \$15.4 million (6.3%) in Idaho. The Company says its average residential customer would experience an electric bill increase of \$6.54 (7.7%) per monthly bill. Avista requests an effective date of June 26, 2016, but requests that date be suspended until January 1, 2017, for its proposed increase to take effect.

On June 7, 2016, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and Notice of Intervention Deadline. Order No. 33536. The following parties intervened in the case: Clearwater Paper Corporation; Idaho Forest Group, LLC; Snake River Alliance; and Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho. The Commission issued a Notice of Schedule on July 15, 2016, that set deadlines for the parties to file testimony and exhibits, and scheduled a December 2, 2016, technical evidentiary hearing.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Commission will hold two public workshops for Avista customers. The purpose of the workshops is to provide customers with an overview of the Company's Application and to dispense information. At these meetings, customers will have an opportunity to ask questions of Staff regarding the Application and how customers may further participate in the proceeding. Company representatives may be available.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the **first workshop** will occur on **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2016, AT 7:00 PM (PDT), IN THE FISKE ROOM OF THE 1912 CENTER, 412 E. THIRD STREET, MOSCOW, IDAHO.**

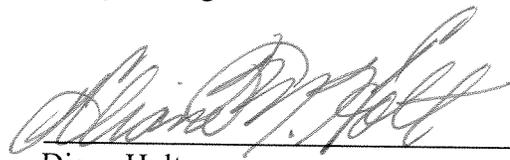
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the **second workshop** will occur on **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2016, AT 6:30 PM (PDT), IN THE GOZZER ROOM OF THE COEUR d'ALENE PUBLIC LIBRARY, 702 E. FRONT AVENUE, COEUR d'ALENE, IDAHO.**

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application may be viewed on the Commission's web site, www.puc.idaho.gov, by clicking on "File Room" and then "Electric Cases," under the above-captioned case number. It also can be viewed during regular business hours at the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, 472 W. Washington Street, Boise, Idaho.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all workshops and hearings in this matter will be held in facilities meeting the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Persons needing the help of a sign language interpreter or other assistance in order to participate in or to understand testimony and argument at a public hearing may ask the Commission to provide a sign language interpreter or other assistance at the hearing. The request for assistance must be received at least five (5) working days before the hearing by contacting the Commission Secretary at:

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DATED at Boise, Idaho this *23* day of August 2016.



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