

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT PETITION)	CASE NO. AVU-E-18-05
OF AVISTA AND THE CITY OF COVE,)	
OREGON, TO APPROVE POWER)	NOTICE OF PETITION
PURCHASE AGREEMENT)	
)	NOTICE OF
)	MODIFIED PROCEDURE
)	
)	ORDER NO. 34115
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On June 19, 2018, Avista Corporation dba Avista Utilities, and the City of Cove, Oregon, (“Petitioners”), jointly petitioned the Commission for an order approving a Power Purchase Agreement (“PPA”). *See* Joint Petition at 1. The PPA will expire on its own terms if the Commission does not issue a final order approving the PPA by October 29, 2018. *Id.* at 8.

The Commission now issues this Notice of Petition and Notice of Modified Procedure setting comment and reply deadlines.

NOTICE OF PETITION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Petitioners jointly request that the Commission approve a PPA. The PPA relates to a City of Cove-owned and operated 800 kW hydroelectric generating facility. *Id.* at 2. The facility is a qualifying facility (“QF”) under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (“PURPA”). *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that under the PPA, Avista will buy the QF’s output at the applicable Avoided Cost Rates For Non-Fueled Projects Smaller Than Ten Average Megawatts – Levelized. *Id.* at 3. If approved, the PPA’s term will run through June 12, 2038. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Parties jointly request that the Commission issue an order accepting the PPA, without change or condition, and declaring that all payments made by Avista for purchases under the PPA be allowed as prudently incurred expenses for ratemaking purposes. *Id.* at 3.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Petition is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. These documents are 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, then select “Electric Cases” and click on the case number as shown on the front of this document.

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. Further, the Commission has authority under PURPA and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regulations to set avoided costs, to order electric utilities to enter into fixed-term obligations for the purchase of energy from qualified facilities and to implement FERC rules.

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.*

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 that it will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 202 through 204 of the Commission’s Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.202 through .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 Petition **may file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission by no later than August 15, 2018.** 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, Avista, and the City of Cove, Oregon at the addresses reflected below:

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Commission**

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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.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Petitioners shall file reply comments, if necessary, **by no later than August 22, 2018.**

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.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Petition of Avista Corporation and the City of Cove, Oregon, be processed by Modified Procedure, Rule 202-204 (IDAPA 31.01.01.202-.204). Persons interested in submitting written comments must do so by August 15, 2018. Petitioners may file reply comments by no later than August 22, 2018.

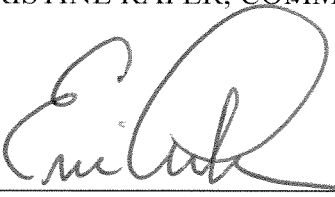
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 25th
day of July, 2018.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT



KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER



ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



Diane M. Hanian
Commission Secretary

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