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**Via Overnight Mail**

Jean Jewell  
Idaho Public Utilities Commission  
472 W. Washington Street  
Boise, ID 83702

**Re: Qualifying Facility Contracting Procedures  
IPUC Docket No. GNR-E-11-03**

Dear Ms. Jewell:

In Order No. 32697, the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) directed the parties to the above-referenced proceeding to participate in workshops “to begin to form a structure for fair and reasonable contracting procedures and rules.” Order No. 32697 at 48. The Commission further stated that it expected the parties to submit a proposal for approval of such terms. *Id.*

Workshops on contracting procedures for qualifying facilities (“QFs”) were held on September 17, 2013 and November 14, 2013. Avista participated in those workshops. Draft proposed contracting procedures prepared by the utilities (including Avista) and certain QFs were discussed at those workshops.

The workshops were helpful and there was significant progress made in developing contracting procedures during the workshops. It is Avista’s view that there was general consensus on many items to be included in any contracting procedures that may be developed. However, while the work that has been done is very helpful, each utility will likely need to complete its own utility-specific contracting procedures.

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Avista appreciates the participation of the parties and appreciates Staff's leadership in facilitating the workshops. Avista intends to develop a complete set of contracting procedures that it will use when negotiating and entering into contracts with QFs. To the extent such contracting procedures are to be filed with the Commission, Avista proposes to file such contracting procedures in a new utility-specific docket.

Sincerely,



Michael G. Andrea  
Senior Counsel

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