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BEFORE THE

IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSION'S)	
REVIEW OF PURPA QF CONTRACT)	CASE NO. GNR-E-11-03
PROVISIONS INCLUDING THE)	
SURROGATE AVOIDED RESOURCE (SAR))	PETITION TO INTERVENE OF
AND INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLANNING)	CLEARWATER PAPER
METHODOLOGIES FOR CALCULATING)	CORPORATION
PUBLISHED AVOIDED COST RATES.)	

COMES NOW, the CLEARWATER PAPER CORPORATION, hereinafter referred to as "Intervenor," and pursuant to this Commission's Rules of Procedure, Rule 71 IDAPA 31.01.01.71 hereby petitions the Commission for leave to intervene herein and to appear and participate herein as a party, and as grounds therefore states as follows:

1. The name and address of this Intervenor is:

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Copies of all pleadings, production requests, production responses, Commission orders and other documents should be provided to Mr. Richardson and Mr. Adams at the addresses on the heading of this pleading, and to:

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2. This Intervenor, Clearwater Paper Corporation, operates a wood pulp, paperboard, and tissue manufacturing facility near Lewiston, Idaho (hereinafter referred to as the "Lewiston Plant.")

3. Clearwater Paper Corporation's Lewiston Plant receives electric and natural gas utility services from Avista Corporation ("Avista") pursuant Idaho Public Utility Commission tariffs.

4. Clearwater Paper Corporation owns and operates four generators at the Lewiston Plant that are capable of generating approximately 95 megawatts of energy. These generators are Qualifying Facilities ("QFs") pursuant to the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978.

5. Avista purchased the Lewiston Plant generation output and provided electric service to the Lewiston Plant pursuant to a 1992 Electric Service and Purchase Agreement between the Lewiston Plant's prior owner, the Potlatch Corporation, and Avista (formerly known as "The Washington Water Power Company"), approved in IPUC Case No. WWP-E-91- 5, Order No. 23858.

6. After the 1992 Electric Service and Purchase Agreement expired, Potlatch Corporation and Avista entered into a 2003 Purchase and Sale Agreement which governs sale of the Lewiston Plant QFs' output to Avista under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, approved in IPUC Case No. AVU-E-03-07, Order No. 29418.

7. Clearwater Paper Corporation is the successor in interest to Potlatch Corporation's rights and obligations under the 2003 Purchase and Sale Agreement.

8. Clearwater Paper Corporation currently owns and operates the Lewiston Plant and its generators, and sells the output from the QFs to Avista pursuant to the 2003 Purchase and Sale Agreement.

9. The 2003 Purchase and Sale Agreement expires on June 30, 2013.

10. Clearwater Paper Corporation intends to negotiate a successor purchase and sales agreement prior to expiration of the 2003 Purchase and Sales Agreement.

11. Clearwater Paper Corporation claims a direct and substantial interest in this proceeding because the outcome of this proceeding is very likely to impact the rates, terms, and conditions available to Clearwater Paper Corporation for a successor purchase and sale agreement for its Lewiston Plant QFs.

12. This Intervenor intends to participate herein as a party, and if necessary, to introduce evidence, cross-examine witnesses, call and examine witnesses, and be heard in

argument. The nature and quality of evidence which this Intervenor will introduce is dependent upon the nature and effect of other evidence in this proceeding.

13. Without the opportunity to intervene herein, this Intervenor would be without any means of participation in this proceeding which may have a material impact on the rates, terms and conditions under which it is entitled to sell the output of its QFs .

14. Granting this Intervenor's petition to intervene will not unduly broaden the issues nor will it prejudice any party to this case. This Intervenor does not intend to broaden the issues beyond those listed in IPUC Order No. 32352 issued in this docket. This Intervenor agrees to be bound by all prior orders existing in this docket prior to its intervention.

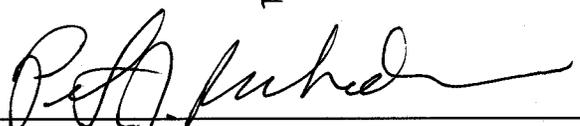
15. Although this Petition to Intervene is filed after the deadline set in Order No. 32352, this Intervenor requests leave to intervene after the deadline on the ground that this Intervenor will not raise additional issues and that the matter has not yet proceeded to filing of testimony.

16. Because this proceeding is very likely to impact the rates, terms, and conditions available for sale of the output of this Intervenor's QFs, good cause exists to grant this Petition. Granting intervention at this time will not disrupt the proceedings or prejudice any other parties. Intervention is therefore proper pursuant to this Commission's Rules of Procedure, Rule 73 IDAPA 31.01.01.73.

WHEREFORE, the Clearwater Paper Corporation respectfully requests that this Commission grant its Petition to Intervene in these proceedings and to appear and participate in all matters as may be necessary and appropriate; and to present evidence, call and examine witnesses, present argument and to otherwise fully participate in these proceedings.

DATED this 17th day of January 2012.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 17th day of January, 2012, a true and correct copy of the within and foregoing PETITION TO INTERVENE of CLEARWATER PAPER CORPORATION was served as shown to:

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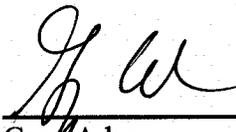
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