(text box: 1)BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE WASHINGTON WATER POWER COMPANY (NOW AVISTA CORPORATION DBA AVISTA UTILITIES—WASHINGTON WATER POWER DIVISION) FOR AN ORDER APPROVING INCREASED RATES AND CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE IN THE STATE OF IDAHO. | ))))))))) | CASE NO. WWP-E-98-11NOTICE OF SCHEDULING NOTICE OF HEARING |

On December 18, 1998, the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an Application from The Washington Water Power Company (now Avista Corporation dba Avista Utilities—Washington Water Power Division; Avista; Company) in Case No. WWP-E-98-11 requesting approval of increased rates and charges for electric service in the state of Idaho.  Water Power is a public utility primarily engaged in the generation, transmission and distribution of electric power and the distribution of natural gas.  Water Power serves approximately 100,000 customers in northern Idaho in an area which ranges from Grangeville, Idaho in the south to Sandpoint, Idaho in the north.

The overall increase in annual revenue requested for its Idaho electric jurisdiction is $14,223,000, an increase of 11.56%.  The amount of the actual percentage increase varies by class of customer and by usage.  The requested revenue change in percentage, in total and by major customer class is as follows:

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| Residential Schedule 1General Service Schedule 11Large General Service Schedule 21Extra Large General Service Schedule 25Pumping Service Schedule 31LightingSchedules 41-49 | 15.4% 7.5%10.7%16.4%9.6%13.0% |

It is noted that the Company’s proposed rate increase will also affect those customers acquired from PacifiCorp (Clark Fork, Hope, East Hope, Old Town, Priest River and Sandpoint), whose four year rate transition period expires in January 1999 when they are transferred to the Company’s comparable rate schedules.  Reference Case No. WWP-E-94-1.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that pursuant to agreement of the parties and the Commission, the following further scheduling in Case No. WWP-E-98-11 has been adopted:

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| Direct testimony prefile—Staff/ IntervenorRebuttal testimony prefile | April 23, 1999May 21, 1999 |

The prepared testimony and exhibits must conform to the requirements of Rules 266 and 267 of the Commission’s Rules of Procedure.  Reference IDAPA 31.01.01.266-267.

The parties are apprised that discovery is available pursuant to Commission Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.221-234.  The parties should coordinate discovery requests and responses so that they are able to comply with the established prefile deadlines.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will conduct a technical hearing in Case No. WWP-E-98-11 commencing at 9:30 A.M., TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 1999, AT THE EDGEWATER RESORT, 56 BRIDGE STREET, SANDPOINT, IDAHO (208/263-3194) and continuing if necessary on Wednesday June 9, 1999 and Thursday, June 10, 1999, at the same location.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will also conduct an evening  hearing in Case No. WWP-E-98-11 for the purpose of taking public comment and testimony on TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 1999, commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the same location as the technical hearing.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all hearings and prehearing conferences in this matter will be held in facilities meeting the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.  Persons needing the help of a sign language interpreter or other assistance of the kind that the Commission is obligated to provide under the Americans with Disabilities Act in order to participate in or to understand the 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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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 that 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.

DATED at Boise, Idaho this day of February 1999.

Myrna J. Walters

Commission Secretary

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**COMMENTS AND ANNOTATIONS**

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Service Date

February 4, 1999