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UTILITIES COMMISSION

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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF AVISTA CORPORATION FOR THE
AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES
AND CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC AND
NATURAL GAS SERVICE TO ELECTRIC
AND NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS IN THE
STATE OF IDAHO.

Case Nos. AVU-E-04-1
AVU-G-04-1

**POTLATCH CORPORATION'S
PETITION TO INTERVENE**

Potlatch Corporation ("Potlatch") petitions this Commission for leave to intervene in the above entitled proceeding pursuant to Rules 72 and 73 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.072 and -.073. In support of this Petition, Potlatch states as follows:

1. Potlatch's plant near Lewiston is Avista's largest Idaho electric customer.
2. Potlatch has a direct and substantial interest in these proceedings because this Commission's decision may, directly or indirectly, affect Potlatch's electric rates or quality of electric service.
3. Potlatch is unable to state its position at this stage of the proceedings, and therefore seeks to intervene for the purpose of receiving documents, examining witnesses, and otherwise participating as its interest may appear.

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4. Potlatch's representatives for the purpose of service of pleadings and other written materials are:

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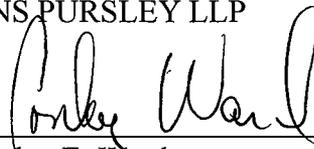
5. This Petition is timely filed and will not unduly broaden the issues or otherwise delay these proceedings.

WHEREFORE, Potlatch respectfully requests that the Commission grant this Petition to Intervene and authorize Potlatch to participate in the above entitled proceedings with full rights as a formal party.

DATED this 3rd day of March 2004.

GIVENS PURSLEY LLP

By


Conley E. Ward

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 3rd day of March 2004, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing document by the method indicated below, and addressed to the following:

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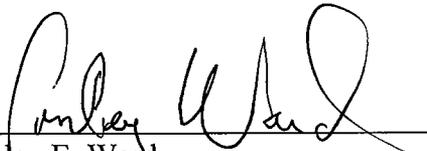
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