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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
 OF AVISTA CORPORATION DBA AVISTA) CASE NO. AVU-E-10-01
 UTILITIES FOR AUTHORITY TO) CASE NO. AVU-G-10-01
 INCREASE ITS RATES AND CHARGES FOR)
 ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS SERVICE) PETITION TO INTERVENE
 IN IDAHO.) OF THE COMMUNITY
) ACTION PARTNERSHIP
) ASSOCIATION OF IDAHO
)

COMES NOW, Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho (hereinafter
 "CAPAI" or "Intervenor") and, pursuant to Rules 071-075 of the Commission's Rules of
 Practice and Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.071-075, hereby petitions the Commission for leave to
 intervene in this proceeding and to appear and participate with full party's rights. In support of
 this Petition, CAPAI states as follows:

1. The address and name of the Petitioner is:

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2. CAPAI will be represented in this proceeding by, and pleadings and other
 correspondence need only be sent to:

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3. CAPAI is a non-profit corporation consisting of six community action agencies serving every county in Idaho and also includes, among others, the statewide Community Council of Idaho and fights the causes and conditions of poverty through building the capacity and effectiveness of its members who have a direct and substantial interest in this proceeding. These causes and conditions of poverty include high utility rates for Idaho Power's low income rate payers.

Low income families pay a higher percentage of their income for utility expenses than those in other economic categories. CAPAI is often the only party who intervenes in proceedings before the Commission specifically representing public utilities' low-income customers. In particular, CAPAI has been involved in the vast majority of AVISTA cases in recent years and works with the utility on a regular basis for many reasons such as implementation and auditing of the Company's low-income weatherization program. As a result, CAPAI has acquired a solid foundation of understanding regarding the unique aspects of AVISTA and its electric operations. Naturally, CAPAI occasionally takes positions contrary to the Company as well, particularly in general rate cases. CAPAI intends, at this point in time, to address a range of differing issues of importance in the pending rate case.

CAPAI believes that it fulfills an important role in this, and similar proceedings, and without the opportunity to participate as a party in this proceeding, would be unable to fulfill that role. Consequently, it is fair to say that CAPAI has a direct and substantial interest in the subject

matter of this proceeding and its intervention will not unduly broaden the issues presented by AVISTA's Application.

4. CAPAI respectfully requests the right to participate in this proceeding and introduce testimony and exhibits, cross-examine other witnesses, engage in oral argument, file comments, and otherwise fully participate as a party.

WHEREFORE, the Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho hereby requests that this Commission grant its Petition to Intervene in this proceeding and to fully appear and participate as a party with all the rights and responsibilities as such.

DATED, this ^{13th}~~9th~~ day of April, 2010.


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that on the 10th day of April, 2010, I caused to be served by U.S. Mail, first-class postage and by email:

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