

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION ) CASE NOS. AVU-E-12-08**  
**OF AVISTA CORPORATION DBA AVISTA ) AVU-G-12-07**  
**UTILITIES FOR AUTHORITY TO )**  
**INCREASE ITS RATES AND CHARGES FOR ) NOTICE OF**  
**ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS SERVICE ) PUBLIC WORKSHOPS**  
**IN IDAHO )**

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On October 11, 2012, Avista Corporation dba Avista Utilities applied to the Commission for authority to increase its electric base rates by \$11.4 million (4.6%) and its natural gas base rates by \$4.6 million (7.2%). Application at 1. The Company says its request would increase the average residential customer's (1) electric bill by \$4.20 (5.3%); and (2) natural gas bill by \$4.12 (7.8%). *Id.* at 11. The Company proposes that the new rates take effect on April 1, 2013. *See* Amendment to Application.

On October 30, 2012, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and Notice of Intervention Deadline. Order No. 32671. The following parties intervened in the case: Idaho Forest Group, LLC; Clearwater Paper Corporation; Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho; Idaho Conservation League; and Snake River Alliance. The Commission issued a Notice of Schedule on December 4, 2013, that set deadlines for the parties to file testimony and exhibits, and tentatively scheduled an April 8-12, 2013 technical hearing. The Commission also suspended the Company's proposed April 1, 2013, effective date for a period of 30 days plus 5 months. *See* Order No. 32689.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOPS**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Commission will hold two public workshops for Avista customers. The purpose of the workshops is to provide customers with an overview of the Company's Application and to dispense information. At these meetings, customers will have an opportunity to ask questions of Staff regarding the Application and how customers may further participate in the proceeding. Company representatives may also be available.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the **first workshop** will occur on **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE SANDPOINT COMMUNITY HALL, 204 S. FIRST AVENUE, SANDPOINT, IDAHO.**

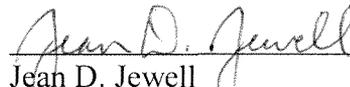
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the **second workshop** will occur on **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE GREAT ROOM OF THE 1912 CENTER, 412 E. THIRD STREET, MOSCOW, IDAHO.**

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application may be viewed on the Commission's web site, [www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov), by clicking on "File Room" and then "Electric Cases" or "Gas Cases," under the corresponding numbers for these proceedings. It also can be viewed during regular business hours at the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, 472 W. Washington Street, Boise, Idaho.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all workshops and hearings in this matter will be held in facilities meeting the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Persons needing the help of a sign language interpreter or other assistance in order to participate in or to understand 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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DATED at Boise, Idaho this *16<sup>th</sup>* day of January 2013.

  
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Commission Secretary

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