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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF AVISTA)	
CORPORATION'S APPLICATION FOR A)	CASE NO. AVU-E-13-09
FINDING THAT IT PRUDENTLY INCURRED)	AVU-G-13-02
ITS 2010-2012 ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS)	
ENERGY EFFICIENCY EXPENDITURES.)	COMMENTS OF THE
)	COMMISSION STAFF

The Staff of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission comments as follows on Avista Corporation's Application.

BACKGROUND

On September 30, 2013, Avista Corporation dba Avista Utilities applied for an Order finding that it prudently incurred \$25,380,857 in electric and natural gas energy efficiency expenditures from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012.¹

In support of its Application, the Company says its energy efficiency programs provide a financial incentive/rebate for cost-effective efficiency measures with a simple payback within one year to 13 years. The Company packages about 300 measures into 30 programs for customer convenience. Residential programs include high efficiency equipment, electric-to-

¹ The \$25,380,857 in total energy efficiency expenditures consists of \$20,010,255 in electric energy efficiency expenditures and \$5,370,602 in natural gas energy efficiency expenditures. See Direct Testimony of Lori B. Hermanson at 4.