

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	CASE NOS. AVU-E-15-05
OF AVISTA CORPORATION DBA AVISTA)	AVU-G-15-01
UTILITIES FOR AUTHORITY TO)	
INCREASE ITS RATES AND CHARGES FOR)	NOTICE OF
ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS SERVICE)	PUBLIC WORKSHOPS
IN IDAHO)	
)	NOTICE OF SCHEDULING
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)	NOTICE OF
)	TECHNICAL HEARING
)	
)	ORDER NO. 33353

On June 1, 2015, Avista Corporation dba Avista Utilities filed an Application seeking authority to increase its rates and charges for electric and natural gas service in Idaho. The Company proposes a two-phase rate plan that would increase annual *electric* billed revenues by \$13.2 million (5.2%) on January 1, 2016, and by \$13.7 million (5.1%) on January 1, 2017. The plan also would increase annual *natural gas* billed revenues by \$3.2 million (4.5%) on January 1, 2016, and by \$1.7 million (2.2%) on January 1, 2017.

The Commission subsequently issued a Notice of Application and Notice of Intervention Deadline, suspended the first proposed effective date, and directed the parties to confer about a schedule for processing the case. Order No. 33324. The parties, including the Company, Commission Staff, Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho, Idaho Conservation League (ICL), Snake River Alliance, Clearwater Paper Corporation, and Idaho Forest Group, LLC, conferred and proposed a schedule.

With this Order, we schedule public informational workshops in the Company’s service territory, adopt the parties’ proposed schedule, and schedule a technical hearing for the parties to testify before the Commission. The Commission intends to schedule a separate public hearing for customers in a separate Order to be issued at a later date.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Commission Staff will hold public informational workshops in Moscow and Coeur d’Alene for the Company’s customers as follows:

- 1. **MOSCOW WORKSHOP: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M. (PDT) IN THE ARTS WORKSHOP ROOM OF THE 1912 CENTER, 412 E. THIRD STREET, MOSCOW, IDAHO.**
- 2. **COEUR D’ALENE WORKSHOP: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M. (PDT) IN THE LIBRARY/ART ROOM AT THE LAKE CITY CENTER, 1916 LAKEWOOD DRIVE, COEUR D’ALENE, IDAHO.**

The purpose of the workshops is to provide customers with an overview of the Application and to dispense information. At the workshops, customers will have an opportunity to ask Staff questions about the Application and how customers may further participate in the proceeding. Company representatives will also be available.

NOTICE OF SCHEDULING

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, based on discussion and agreement between the parties, the Commission adopts the following procedural schedule:

Settlement Conference for parties	September 18, 2015
Staff/Intervenor Prefile Testimony	October 21, 2015
Settlement Conference for parties (if necessary)	October 28, 2015
Company Prefile Rebuttal	November 11, 2015
Technical Evidentiary Hearings	November 23-24, 2015

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all testimony and exhibits in this matter must comport with the requirements of Rule 231 and 267 of the Commission’s Rules of Procedure. IDAPA 31.01.01.231 and .267.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the parties have been directed to serve discovery, testimony, and exhibits among themselves by electronic mail pursuant to Rule 63. IDAPA 31.01.01.063.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that when filing discovery with the Commission, the parties shall provide an original and three copies to the Commission Secretary. IDAPA 31.01.01.061.02.

NOTICE OF TECHNICAL HEARING

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will conduct a technical hearing on **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2015 COMMENCING AT 9:30 A.M. (MST) IN THE COMMISSION HEARING ROOM, 472 WEST WASHINGTON, BOISE, IDAHO,** and continuing as necessary through Tuesday, November 24, 2015.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission also intends to schedule a public hearing in the Company's service territory for customers and non-parties to testify before the Commission. The date, time, and location of the public hearing will be detailed in a subsequent Order.

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:

IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
PO BOX 83720
BOISE, IDAHO 83720-0074
(208) 334-0338 (Telephone)
(208) 334-3762 (FAX)
E-Mail: secretary@puc.idaho.gov

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the record in this matter is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. The record is available on the Commission's web site at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click on the "File Room" tab at the top of the page, scroll down to and click on either "Electric Cases" or "Natural Gas Cases," and then click on Case Nos. AVU-E-15-05 or AVU-G-15-01.

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.*

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Commission Staff will hold public workshops for the Company's customers on: (1) September 1, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. (PDT) in Moscow, Idaho as described above; and (2) September 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. (PDT) in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho as described above.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Commission adopts the procedural schedule set forth in the above Notice of Scheduling.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a technical hearing will commence in this matter on Monday, November 23, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. (MST) in the Commission Hearing Room.

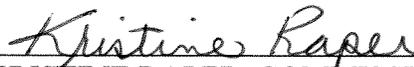
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 6th day of August 2015.



PAUL KVELLANDER, PRESIDENT

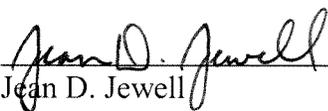


MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER



KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



Jean D. Jewell
Commission Secretary

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