BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF RICKEL WATER COMPANY TO COMBINE WITH BITTERROOT WATER COMPANY, INC. CASE NO. RIC-W-17-01 NOTICE OF APPLICATION NOTICE OF INTERVENTION DEADLINE ORDER NO. 33853

On July 28, 2017, Rickel Water Company and Bitterroot Water Company, Inc. sent a one-page letter to the Commission requesting that the Commission consolidate the two companies into one. The Company stated that the two companies are interconnected, share common ownership, and operate under the same rate structure. It noted further that the change would increase efficiency, and eliminate duplicative costs, including licensing and insurance. The combined company would operate as Rickel Water Company, under the Rickel Water Company CPCN. The Bitterroot CPCN would be canceled.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Rickel Water proposes to effectively absorb Bitterroot Water Company, Inc. and combine the two companies.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Company claims that the proposal will have no adverse impact on customers of either company.

NOTICE OF INTERVENTION DEADLINE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that **persons desiring to intervene** in this matter for the purpose of presenting evidence or cross-examining witnesses at hearing **must file a Petition to Intervene** with the Commission pursuant to this Commission's Rules of Procedure 72 and 73, IDAPA 31.01.01.072 and -.073. Persons intending to participate at the hearing must file a Petition to Intervene **no later than September 5, 2017**. Persons desiring to present their views without parties' rights of participation and cross-examination are not required to intervene and may present their comments without prior notification to the Commission or the parties. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission Secretary shall issue a Notice of Parties after the deadline for intervention has passed. The Notice of Parties shall assign exhibit numbers to each party in this proceeding.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that once the Notice of Parties is issued, the Commission's Staff will convene an informal prehearing conference at the Commission's offices for the parties to discuss a schedule to process this case and other issues as may be raised by the parties.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the following persons are designated as Avista's representatives in this matter:

Ken Rickel Owner and Manager Rickel Water Co. PO Box 1261 Hayden Lake, ID 83835

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. The Application is also available on the Commission's web site at <u>www.puc.idaho.gov</u>. Click on the "File Room" tab at the top of the page, scroll down to "Open Water Cases," and then click on the case number as shown on the front of this document.

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 persons desiring to intervene in this matter shall file a Petition to Intervene with the Commission no later than September 5, 2017. Staff shall convene an informal conference with the parties to discuss appropriate scheduling of this case going forward. DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this $\mathcal{IH}^{\mathcal{H}}$ day of August 2017.

PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER

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ATTEST:

Diane M. Hanian Commission Secretary

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