

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)	AVU-G-13-02
INCURRED ITS 2010-2012 ELECTRIC AND)	
NATURAL GAS ENERGY EFFICIENCY)	NOTICE OF APPLICATION
EXPENDITURES)	
)	NOTICE OF
)	MODIFIED PROCEDURE
)	
)	ORDER NO. 32921

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 The Company asks the Commission to process the case under Modified Procedure. Application at 1.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company says its energy efficiency programs provide a financial incentive/rebate for cost-effective efficiency measures with a simple payback of greater than one year and up to 13 years. The Company packages about 300 measures into 30 programs for customer convenience. Residential programs include high efficiency equipment, electric-to-natural gas conversions, Compact Fluorescent Lamps, "second" refrigerator recycling, weatherization, and educational assistance through community events. *Id.* at 2. Non-residential programs include prescriptive (standard offer) programs and site-specific (customized) programs. The site-specific programs provide incentives on cost-effective commercial and industrial energy efficiency measures with a simple financial payback exceeding one year, up to 13 years. *Id.* at 2-3.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company also helps fund the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance ("NEEA"), which uses a regional approach to obtain electric efficiency by transforming markets for efficiency measures and services. The Company says

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.

these programs allow it to acquire resources that would otherwise be unachievable or more costly without regional cooperation. *Id.* at 3.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company says it provided about \$700,000 for low-income weatherization in 2012 and \$50,000 for conservation education in Idaho, with the program being administered by local community action agencies. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company says it regularly convenes stakeholder meetings to obtain input from customers, Commission Staff, and environmental interests. At these meetings, the Company reviews its energy efficiency programs and their cost-effectiveness. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED the Company reports that its energy efficiency programs continue to exceed the targets set in the Integrated Resource Plan (“IRP”) and that its expenditures of tariff rider revenue has been reasonable and prudent. The Company has offered programs for all customer classes with total savings of more than 109,100 MWh and 950,822 therms from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012. The Company says this represents 190% of the Company’s IRP target of 57,289 MWh, a 13-year levelized total resource cost per saved MWh of \$36.55, and a 21-year levelized total resource cost of per saved therm of \$1.13 per therm. The Company says its tariff rider funded programs have been very successful. Participating customers benefit from lower bills; non-participating customers benefit from the Company acquiring lower cost resources and maintaining the energy efficiency message and infrastructure for the benefit of its service territory. *Id.* at 3-4.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application, supporting workpapers and testimonies have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. The Application and testimonies are also 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 “Open Electric Cases” or “Open Gas Cases,” and then click on the appropriate case number as shown on the front of this document.

NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a formal hearing in this matter and will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission’s Rules

of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-204. The Commission notes that Modified Procedure and written comments have proven to be an effective means for obtaining public input and participation.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any person desiring to state a position on this Application must file a written comment in support or in opposition with the Commission **by February 4, 2014**. The comment must contain a statement of reasons supporting the comment.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company shall have until **February 18, 2014** to file reply comments (if necessary).

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. The comment must contain a statement of reasons supporting the comment. Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. Written comments concerning this Application shall be mailed to the Commission and the Company at the addresses reflected below:

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Idaho Public Utilities Commission
PO Box 83720
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These comments should contain the case caption and case number shown on the first page of this document. Persons desiring to submit comments via e-mail may do so by accessing the Commission's home page located at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click the "Utility Case Comment or Question Form" under the "Consumers" tab, and complete the comment form using the case number as it appears on the front of this document. These comments must also be sent to the Company at the e-mail addresses listed above.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider this matter on its merits and enter its Order without a formal hearing. If written comments are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider them and, in its discretion, may set the same for formal hearing.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this case will be held pursuant to the Commission's jurisdiction under Title 61 of the Idaho Code and that the Commission may enter any final order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

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 this matter be processed by Modified Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204. Persons interested in submitting written comments in this matter must do so by February 4, 2014.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Company must file reply comments (if necessary) by February 18, 2014.

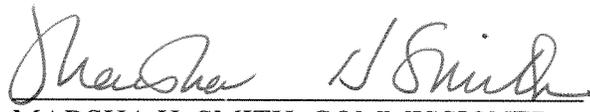
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 5th
day of November 2013.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT



MACK A. REDFORD, COMMISSIONER



MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



Jean D. Jewell
Commission Secretary

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