

DECISION MEMORANDUM

**TO: COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER
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DATE: JULY 20, 2017

**SUBJECT: AVISTA GENERAL RATE CASE,
 CASE NOS. AVU-E-17-01 AND AVU-G-17-01**

On June 9, 2017, Avista Corporation filed an Application seeking authority to increase the Company's general rates for electric and natural gas service in Idaho. Avista proposed a two-year rate plan that would increase annual electric billed revenues by \$18.6 million (7.9%) on January 1, 2018, and by \$9.9 million (4.2%) on January 1, 2019, and increase annual natural gas revenues by \$3.5 million (5.7%) on January 1, 2018, and by \$2.1 million (3.3%) on January 1, 2019. The Commission subsequently issued a Notice of Application and Notice of Intervention Deadline and suspended the proposed effective date. Order No. 33808. Clearwater Paper, Idaho Conservation League (ICL), Idaho Forest Group, and the Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho (CAPAI) intervened as parties. Staff now proposes the following schedule:

Settlement Conference	September 15, 2017
Staff/Intervenor Prefile Testimony	October 24, 2017
Company Prefile Rebuttal	November 21, 2017
Technical Evidentiary Hearings	December 6, 2017

The parties believe this schedule will enable the Commission to issue its final Order by December 29, 2017, and before the first proposed effective date of January 1, 2018.

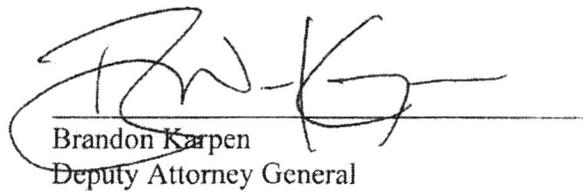
STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission issue an Order that adopts the above schedule and sets a technical hearing for December 6, 2017. At this time, Staff makes no

recommendations regarding public informational workshops, or a public hearing for customers. Staff believes the Commission should schedule workshops, and a customer hearing through a separate Order at a later date.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to issue an Order that adopts the agreed-upon schedule and sets a technical hearing as described above?



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