

DECISION MEMORANDUM

**TO: COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER
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DATE: JULY 10, 2018

**SUBJECT: AVISTA’S APPLICATION FOR A CHANGE IN ITS ELECTRIC AND
NATURAL GAS DEPRECIATION RATES;
CASE NOS. AVU-E-18-03 AND AVU-G-18-02**

On February 23, 2018, Avista Corporation dba Avista Utilities filed an Application requesting that the Commission approve changes to the Company’s depreciation rates for electric and natural gas property. Avista serves customers in Washington, Idaho, and Oregon. The Company seeks an effective date for the proposed changes to its depreciation rates of January 1, 2019. Avista last changed its Idaho book depreciation rates in Idaho in January and April 2013. Order No. 32769.

The Commission subsequently issued a Notice of Application and Notice of Intervention Deadline. Order No. 34014. Clearwater Paper, Idaho Conservation League (ICL), Idaho Forest Group, and the Sierra Club intervened as parties. After conferring with the parties, Staff now recommends that the Commission process the case by modified procedure, and proposes the following schedule:

Settlement Conferences	August 29, 2018
	September 25, 2018 (if necessary)
	October 16, 2018 (if necessary)
Comment Deadline	November 15, 2018
Reply Deadline	November 29, 2018

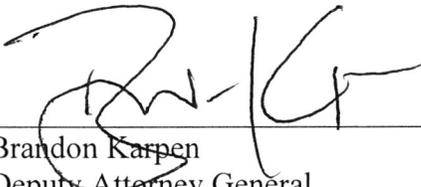
The parties believe that modified procedure is the appropriate method of processing the case, and that the proposed schedule will enable the Commission to issue its final Order by December 28, 2018, and before the first proposed effective date of January 1, 2019.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission issue an Order that approves the use of modified procedure and adopts the above schedule.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to issue an Order that the case be processed by modified procedure, and adopts the agreed-upon schedule as described above?



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