

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
BEFORE THE
BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION**

<i>In the Matter of:</i>)
) BPA Docket No. BP-20E
The Bonneville Power Administration)
) PETITION TO INTERVENE OF
Suspension of the Financial Reserves) AVISTA CORPORATION
Policy Surcharge for the Remainder of the)
BP-20 Rate Period)

Pursuant to the notice posted in the *Federal Register* on June 22, 2020, regarding the Bonneville Power Administration’s (“Bonneville” or the “Agency”) Suspension of the Financial Reserves Policy Surcharge for the Remainder of the BP-20 Rate Period; Public Hearing and Opportunities for Public Review and Comment, 85 FED. REG. 37,444 (2020), and Sections 1010.6 and 1010.11 of BPA’s Rules of Procedure, 83 FED. REG. 39,993 (2018), Avista Corporation (“Avista”) hereby files this Petition to Intervene as a Party in this proceeding.

I. PETITION TO INTERVENE

In this proceeding, Bonneville proposes to suspend the Financial Reserve Policy surcharge for the remainder of the BP-20 rate period, which will decrease Bonneville’s expected financial reserve levels. This proposal may impact the Agency’s overall financial health and influence future rates charged to Avista and other transmission customers. Avista is a corporation created and organized under the laws of the State of Washington with its principal office in Spokane, Washington. Avista is an investor-owned utility engaged in among other things, the business of generating, transmitting, and distributing electric power to wholesale and retail customers in Idaho and Washington. Avista can contract directly with BPA for the purchase of power under sections 5(b) or 5(c) of the Northwest Power Act. Avista is also a transmission customer of BPA.

Accordingly, Avista has an interest in these proceedings and is eligible to be a party in this proceeding. *See* 83 FED. REG. at 40004. Avista's interests will not be represented adequately by any other party. Avista respectfully requests that it be allowed to intervene as a party in the above-captioned proceedings.

Pursuant to the BP-20E FRN, Avista states that it does not intend to object to the proposal in the BP-20E FRN or the expedited process and schedule proposed in the BP-20E FRN. *See* 85 Fed. Reg. 37,446.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

All materials and communications relating to these proceedings should be served on the following:

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III. CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Avista respectfully requests that it be allowed to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding as a Party.

DATED this 24th day of June, 2020.

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