

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF AVISTA’S) CASE NO. AVU-E-24-04
APPLICATION FOR AN ACCOUNTING)
ORDER APPROVING THE DEPRECIATION) NOTICE OF APPLICATION
AND AMORTIZATION RATES FOR ITS)
OUTAGE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND) NOTICE OF MODIFIED
ADVANCED DISTRIBUTION) PROCEDURE
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SOFTWARE)
INVESTMENTS) ORDER NO. 36131
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On March 5, 2024, Avista Corporation dba Avista Utilities (“Company”), filed an application (“Application”) with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) requesting an accounting order authorizing the Company to use a 15-year depreciable life for certain software investments relating to the Company’s Outage Management System (“OMS”) and Advanced Distribution Management System (“ADMS”), to be transferred to plant in 2025.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company represents that it foresees a digital future that bridges the Customer, the Grid, Utility Operations, Utility Enterprise domains, and that requires a technology platform that enables the integration of these domains. Application at 2. The Company represents that it plans to replace its Outage Management Tracker (“OMT”) and Distribution Management System (“DMS”), which is an in-house customer tool, with a single ADMS. *Id.* at 2-3. The Company states that it anticipates using ADMS for approximately 15 years as the Company previously used its OMT for nearly 20 years. *Id.* at 3.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company represents that it is authorized by the Commission to amortize software costs over 5 years; however, certain software assets transferring to plant in 2025 and 2028 relating to the OMS and ADMS are expected to have a longer useful life. *Id.* 5-6. The Company requests that the Commission authorize a 15-year life for the software assets transferring in 2025, and a 12-year remaining life of the overall project, for the software assets transferring in 2028. *Id.* at 6.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission’s office. The Application is also available on the

Commission's website at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click on the "ELECTRIC" icon, select "Open Cases," and click on the case number as shown on the front of this document.

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 all proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 *et seq.*

NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a formal hearing in this matter, and that it will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure 201-204, 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 persons desiring to state a position on this Application may file a written comment explaining why the person supports or opposes the Application. Persons who would like a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments and explain why written comments alone are insufficient. **Persons interested in filing written comments must do by May 22, 2024.** Comments must be filed through the Commission's website or by e-mail unless computer access is unavailable. To comment electronically, please access the Commission's website at <http://www.puc.idaho.gov>. Click the "Case Comment Form" and complete the form using the case number as it appears on the front of this document.

To file by e-mail, persons must e-mail the comments to the Commission Secretary and all parties at the e-mail addresses listed below. Persons submitting a comment by e-mail must provide their name, address, and the Case Number under which they are commenting. Persons submitting a comment by e-mail also acknowledge that submitting a comment in an open case constitutes a public record under *Idaho Code* § 74-101(13), and all information provided by such person is available for public and media inspection.

If computer access is unavailable, then comments may be mailed to the Commission and the Parties at the addresses below. Persons submitting a comment by mail must provide their name, address, and the Case Number under which they are commenting. Persons submitting a comment by mail also acknowledge that submitting a comment in an open case constitutes a public record

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Parties must file any reply comments **by May 29, 2024.**

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 final 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.

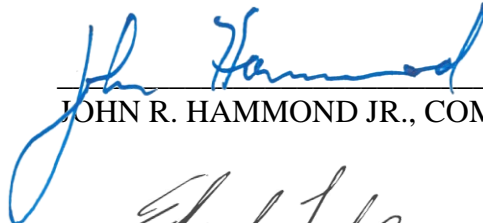
ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Application be processed by Modified Procedure, Rules 201-204 (IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204). Persons interested in filing written comments must do so by May 22, 2024. The Parties must file any reply comments by May 29, 2024.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that parties comply with Order No. 35375, issued April 21, 2022. Generally, all pleadings should be filed with the Commission electronically and will be deemed timely filed when received by the Commission Secretary. *See* Rule 14.02. Service between parties should continue to be accomplished electronically when possible. However, voluminous discovery-related documents may be filed and served on CD-ROM or a USB flash drive.


DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 8th day of April 2024.


ERIC ANDERSON, PRESIDENT


JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER


EDWARD LODGE, COMMISSIONER

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Commission Secretary

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