

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF AVISTA) CASE NO. AVU-E-20-14
CORPORATION’S FILING PROPOSING)
MODIFICATIONS TO TARIFF SCHEDULE) NOTICE OF APPLICATION
NO. 95)
) NOTICE OF MODIFIED
) PROCEDURE
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) NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF
) PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
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) ORDER NO. 34905

On December 4, 2020, Avista Corporation dba Avista Utilities (“Company”) submitted a Tariff Advice requesting to modify Electric Service Schedule No. 95—My Clean Energy Program (“Schedule No. 95”). The Company requests an effective date of February 15, 2021.

At the Commission’s January 26, 2021 decision meeting, the Commission’s Staff recommended the Commission suspend the proposed effective date and process the Tariff Advice as a formal case because the Tariff Advice would make programmatic changes that warrant public comment. Having reviewed the Tariff Advice and Staff’s recommendation, the Commission finds it appropriate to process this Tariff Advice as an application (the “Application”) using Modified Procedure. *See* Rule 134.02, IPUC Rules of Procedure. With this Order, we suspend the proposed effective date and set comment and reply deadlines.

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company seeks to modify Schedule No. 95 to offer customers in the My Clean Energy Program a third option to purchase clean energy. The Company proposes to add a 100% renewable option which would allow customers to purchase 1 kilowatt-hour (“kWh”) of renewable power from a regional source in the Western Interconnection to offset each kWh billed to the customer’s selected meter. Each kWh purchased under this option would cost \$0.01 in addition to the customer’s regular bill. The number of kWhs purchased each month would correspond directly to a customer’s actual usage each month.

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company's Application and any attachments are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission's office. The Application and any attachments are also available on the Commission's web site 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.

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.*

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application proposes more than minor changes to Schedule No. 95, and the Company's proposed effective date does not afford Staff, the public, and the Commission adequate time to properly analyze those changes. The Commission thus finds it appropriate to suspend the Company's proposed effective date of February 15, 2021, for a period of thirty (30) days plus five (5) months, unless the Commission issues an earlier Order accepting or rejecting the Company's Application. *See Idaho Code* § 61-622(4).

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 that it will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201 through .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 the Company's 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. **Persons shall have 21 days from the service date of this Order to file written comments.** 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 home page at 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, the customer must

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e-mail the comments to the e-mail addresses listed below. In addition to submitting the comments to the Commission Secretary, the customer must also e-mail the Company at the e-mail addresses listed below. If computer access is unavailable, then comments may be mailed to the Commission and Company at these addresses:

**For the Idaho Public Utilities
Commission:**

Commission Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
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Building 8, Suite 201-A
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For Avista Corporation:

Shawn Bonfield
Avista Corporation
P.O. Box 3727
1411 E. Mission Avenue (MSC-27)
Spokane, WA 99220

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company must file any reply comments **within 28 days of the service date of this Order.**

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 a formal hearing.


ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Company's Application be processed by Modified Procedure, Rule 201-204 (IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204). Persons interested in submitting written comments must do so within 21 days of the service date of this Order. The Company must file any reply comments within 28 days of the service date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Company's proposed February 15, 2021 effective date is suspended for a period of thirty (30) days plus five (5) months, unless the Commission issues an earlier Order accepting or rejecting the Application. *See Idaho Code § 61-622(4).*

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that parties should continue to comply with Order No. 34781, issued September 17, 2020. All pleadings should be filed with the Commission electronically and shall be deemed timely filed when received by the Commission Secretary. *See* Rule 14.02. Service between parties should also be accomplished electronically. 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 29th day of January 2021.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

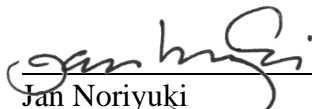


KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER



ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



Jan Noriyuki
Commission Secretary

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