

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF AVISTA’S ANNUAL COMPLIANCE FILING TO UPDATE THE LOAD AND GAS FORECASTS IN THE INCREMENTAL COST INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN AVOIDED COST MODEL TO BE USED FOR AVOIDED COST CALCULATIONS)	CASE NO. AVU-E-21-14
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)	ORDER NO. 35236
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On October 13, 2021, Avista Corporation (“Company”) filed a compliance filing requesting the Commission issue an order accepting its updated load forecast, natural gas price forecast, and contracts used as inputs to calculate its incremental cost Integrated Resource Plan (“IRP”) avoided cost rates. The Company must update these inputs by October 15 of each year. *See* Order Nos. 32697 and 32802. IRP avoided cost rates are available to qualifying facilities (“QFs”) that are above the resource-specific project eligibility cap for published avoided cost rates under Idaho’s implementation of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (“PURPA”). The Company requested its Filing be processed by Modified Procedure.

On November 5, 2021, the Commission noticed the Company’s Filing and established public comment and Company reply deadlines. Order No. 35220.

At the Commission’s November 23, 2021 decision meeting, Staff presented a decision memo noting that the Company filed last year’s load and gas forecast with its Filing but that the Company had recently produced an updated load forecast that it would submit to the Commission after it had been internally vetted. To allow time for the Company to vet it’s updated forecast, Staff requested the Commission vacate the comment and reply deadlines established in Order No. 35220 and issue new comment and reply deadlines.

Based on these facts, the Commission amends the comment deadlines to allow for public comments by December 14, 2021 and the Company’s reply by December 21, 2021.

NOTICE OF AMENDED COMMENT DEADLINES

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Commission finds it reasonable to vacate the comment deadlines established in Order No. 35220 and amend the public and reply comment deadlines, as requested, to give the Company additional time to vet its updated load and gas forecast and to give parties and the public additional time to comment and reply.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any person desiring to state a position on this Filing must file written comments in support or opposition with the Commission **by December 14, 2021.**


YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any reply comments must be filed with the Commission **by December 21, 2021.**

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that persons interested in submitting written comments must do so by December 14, 2021. Reply comments, if any, must be filed by December 21, 2021.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that parties should continue to comply with Order No. 35058, issued June 3, 2021. 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 26th day of November 2021.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

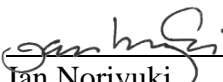


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