

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF AVISTA) CASE NO. AVU-E-22-02
CORPORATION’S COMPLIANCE FILING)
TO UPDATE AND ESTABLISH ITS) NOTICE OF APPLICATION
CAPACITY DEFICIENCY PERIOD TO BE)
USED FOR AVOIDED COST) NOTICE OF MODIFIED
CALCULATIONS) PROCEDURE
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) **ORDER NO. 35347**
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On February 22, 2022, Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities (“Company”) applied to the Commission for approval of its capacity deficiency period used for its avoided cost calculations, with a first deficit occurring November 1, 2026. The Company must file its capacity deficiency case after the Commission acknowledges its Integrated Resource Plan (“IRP”). The Company requests its Application be processed by Modified Procedure.

The Commission now issues this Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure setting deadlines for interested persons to comment on the Application and for the Company to reply.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Commission acknowledged the Company’s 2021 electric IRP on December 16, 2021, in Order No. 35257. Application at 1.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company identified the first load deficit to be November 1, 2026. *Id.* at 2. The Company represents that this deficit is a direct result of Colstrip Units 3 and 4 no longer serving the Company’s customers system-wide at the end of 2025 and the expiration of the Lancaster Power Purchase Agreement (“PPA”) in October 2026. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company states its certainty that November 1, 2026, will be the date of the first capacity deficiency due to the expiration date of the Lancaster PPA. *Id.* at 4.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company represents that it ran three scenarios modeling different dates the Company could withdraw from Colstrip. *Id.* The Company further represents that, in all three scenarios, the year of the annual deficit is the same.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission's office. This document 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.

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 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 will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Idaho Public Utilities 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 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. **Persons shall have until May 5, 2022, 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 website 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 e-mail the comments to the Commission Secretary and 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:

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company must file any reply comments **by May 12, 2022.**

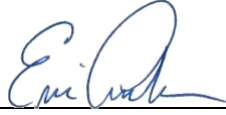
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider this matter on its merits and enter its order without a formal hearing. If written comments are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider them and, in its discretion, may set the same for formal hearing.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Company's Application be processed by Modified Procedure, Rules 201-204 (IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204). Persons interested in submitting written comments must do so by May 5, 2022. The Company must file any reply comments by May 12, 2022.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the 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 18th day of March 2022.



ERIC ANDERSON, PRESIDENT

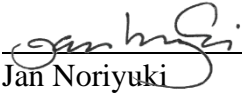


JOHN CHATBURN, COMMISSIONER



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Commission Secretary

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