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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSION STAFF'S)	CASE NOS.	AVU-E-22-06
PETITION TO UPDATE COLSTRIP-)		IPC-E-22-16
RELATED ADJUSTABLE PORTION OF)		
AVOIDED COST RATES FOR EXISTING)	PETITION	
PURPA CONTRACTS)		

The Staff of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission ("Staff"), in accordance with *Idaho Code* §§ 61-501, -502, and -503, and applicable provisions of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 ("PURPA") and pursuant to Commission Rule of Procedure 37 and 53, IDAPA 31.01.01.37 and .53, petitions the Idaho Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") for an order updating the Colstrip-related adjustable portion of the published avoided cost rates for existing PURPA contracts.

In support of its Petition, Staff states:

I. <u>BACKGROUND</u>

Each July 1, the Commission updates Qualifying Facility ("QF") contracts that use published avoided cost rates calculated under the Colstrip Method. In Order No. 28708, Case No. GNR-E-99-01, the Commission established a method for updating the annual adjustable-rate portion of avoided costs for those QF contracts using variable costs associated with Colstrip—a coal-fired generating facility in southeast Montana. For those QF contracts with Colstrip-related fuel costs and variable O&M, the Commission directed that future Colstrip variable cost

adjustments are to be calculated by using Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") Form 1 Colstrip Unit Coal Costs per megawatt hour ("MWh") and adding \$2.00/MWh (the average variable O&M cost of Colstrip plus 20¢/MWh for generation taxes plus a five percent adjustment for line loss). Staff attached relevant pages from Avista's FERC Form 1 as Attachment A.

As computed by Staff and shown below, the Colstrip-related adjustable rate will change from 20.37 mill/kilowatt hour ("kWh") to 19.13 mill/kWh, effective July 1, 2022.

COLSTRIP A	DJUSTABI	LE RATE CALCULATION	Updated	
For Period 7/	1/22-6/30/2	23		
Colstrip Fuel (Cost from A	Avista FERC Form 1 for CY	2021	
line 12	Net Gener	1,521,720,000		
line 20	Fuel	\$26,059,737		
	Fuel cost p	\$0.017125		
Fuel Cost per	\$17.1252			
Variable O&M	\$2.0000			
Total Colstrip	Adjustable	Rate	\$19.1252	

II. PROCEDURE

Staff believes that a hearing is not necessary to consider the issues and requests that this Petition be processed under Modified Procedure; i.e., by written submissions rather than by hearing. *See* Commission Rule of Procedure 201, *et seq*.

III. COMMUNICATIONS AND SERVICE OF PLEADINGS

Communications and service of pleadings, exhibits, orders, and other documents relating to this proceeding should be sent to:

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IV. REQUEST FOR RELIEF

Staff respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order approving the updated Colstrip-related adjustable rate of 19.13 mill/kWh, effective July 1, 2022.

Respectfully submitted this 5th day of May 2022.

Dayn Hardie

Deputy Attorney General

Idaho Public Utilities Commission

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have on this 5th day of May, 2022, served the foregoing *Petition*, in Case Nos. AVU-E-22-06 and IPC-E-22-16, by electronically mailing a copy thereof to the following:

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Name of Respondent:	This report is: (1) ☑ An Original (2) ☐ A Resubmission	Date of Report:	Year/Period of Report
Avista Corporation		04/15/2022	End of: 2021/ Q4

Steam Electric Generating Plant Statistics

- 1. Report data for plant in Service only.
- 2. Large plants are steam plants with installed capacity (name plate rating) of 25,000 Kw or more. Report in this page gas-turbine and internal combustion plants of 10,000 Kw or more, and nuclear plants.
- 3. Indicate by a footnote any plant leased or operated as a joint facility.
- 4. If net peak demand for 60 minutes is not available, give data which is available, specifying period.
- 5. If any employees attend more than one plant, report on line 11 the approximate average number of employees assignable to each plant.
- 6. If gas is used and purchased on a therm basis report the Btu content or the gas and the quantity of fuel burned converted to Mct.
- 7. Quantities of fuel burned (Line 38) and average cost per unit of fuel burned (Line 41) must be consistent with charges to expense accounts 501 and 547 (Line 42) as show on Line 20.
- 8. If more than one fuel is burned in a plant furnish only the composite heat rate for all fuels burned.
- 9. Items under Cost of Plant are based on USofA accounts. Production expenses do not include Purchased Power, System Control and Load Dispatching, and Other Expenses Classified as Other Power Supply Expenses.
- 10. For IC and GT plants, report Operating Expenses, Account Nos. 547 and 549 on Line 25 "Electric Expenses," and Maintenance Account Nos. 553 and 554 on Line 32, "Maintenance of Electric Plant." Indicate plants designed for peak load service. Designate automatically operated plants.
- 11. For a plant equipped with combinations of fossil fuel steam, nuclear steam, hydro, internal combustion or gas-turbine equipment, report each as a separate plant. However, if a gas-turbine unit functions in a combined cycle operation with a conventional steam unit, include the gas-turbine with the steam plant.
- 12. If a nuclear power generating plant, briefly explain by footnote (a) accounting method for cost of power generated including any excess costs attributed to research and development; (b) types of cost units used for the various components of fuel cost; and (c) any other informative data concerning plant type fuel used, fuel enrichment type and quantity for the report period and other physical and operating characteristics of plant.

Line No.	Item (a)	Plant Name: Boulder Park	Plant Name: Colstrip	Plant Name: Coyote Springs 2	Plant Name: Kettle Falls	Plant Name: Rathdrum	Plant Name: Spokane N. E.
1	Kind of Plant (Internal Comb, Gas Turb, Nuclear)	Internal Comb	Steam	Gas Turbine	Steam	Gas Turbine	Gas Turbine
2	Type of Constr (Conventional, Outdoor, Boiler, etc)	Conventional	Conventional	Not Applicable	Conventional	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
3	Year Originally Constructed	2002	1984	2003	1983	1995	1978
4	Year Last Unit was Installed	2002	1985	2003	1983	1995	1978
5	Total Installed Cap (Max Gen Name Plate Ratings- MW)	24.6	233.4	295	50.7	166.5	61.8
6	Net Peak Demand on Plant - MW (60 minutes)	26	227	318	96	162	77
7	Plant Hours Connected to Load	3,006	7,320	5,656	7,751	1,361	32
8	Net Continuous Plant Capability (Megawatts)	25	222	295	54	167	65
9	When Not Limited by Condenser Water	0	222	295	54	0	0
10	When Limited by Condenser Water	0	222	295	54	0	0
11	Average Number of Employees	2	249	29	28	1	1
12	Net Generation, Exclusive of Plant Use - kWh	69,727,000	1,521,720,000	1,533,635,000	322,814,000	182,100,000	1,668,000
13	Cost of Plant: Land and Land Rights	185,629	1,289,395	0	2,568,188	621,682	138,753
14	Structures and Improvements	1,273,892	112,359,069	11,757,925	28,937,123	3,584,502	751,025
15	Equipment Costs	32,601,756	222,856,911	191,737,688	80,506,783	61,614,151	13,591,014
16	Asset Retirement Costs	0	15,212,465	351,682	323,787	0	0

17	Total cost (total 13 thr	ru 20)	;	34,061,277		351,717,840	203,847,295	112,335	5,881	ε	55,820,335	14,480,792
18	Cost per KW of Instal Capacity (line 17/5) Including	led		1,384.6048		1,506.9316	691.0078	2,215.	6979	79 395.3173		234.317
19	Production Expenses Supv, & Engr	s: Oper,		4,475		177,823	119,916	193	3,588	588 2,338		2,904
20	Fuel			2,337,492		26,059,737	42,436,779	8,383	3,104		6,727,089	81,938
21	Coolants and Water (Nuclear Plants Only)										
22	Steam Expenses			0		2,830,284	0	580	,496		0	0
23	Steam From Other So	ources		0		0	0		0		0	0
24	Steam Transferred (C	cr)		0		0	0		0	0		0
25	Electric Expenses			240,857		(60,959)	1,300,684	768,239			206,874	15,102
26	Misc Steam (or Nucle Power Expenses	ear)		35,113 5,005,425 534		534,816	443,058			28,673	10,844	
27	Rents			0		0	87,122		0	0		0
28	Allowances			0		0	0		0		0	0
29	Maintenance Supervi and Engineering	ision		44,765		586,670	167,990	128,663		55,069		44,733
30	Maintenance of Struc	tures		1,685		629,289	78,259	92,869		69 0		7,914
31	Maintenance of Boile reactor) Plant	r (or		0		5,966,269	0	1,851,090			1,362	0
32	Maintenance of Elect Plant	ric		431,959		1,842,272	4,017,117	214,283			461,903	59,131
33	Maintenance of Misc (or Nuclear) Plant	Steam	131,878			675,159	539,793	478	3,386 133,36		133,369	42,660
34	Total Production Expe	enses	3,228,224		43,711,969		49,282,476	13,133	3,776		7,616,677	265,226
35	Expenses per Net kW	/h	0.0463			0.0287	0.0321	0.0	0407		0.0418	0.159
35	Plant Name	Boulde	er Park	Colstrip		Colstrip	Coyote Springs 2	Kettle Falls	Kettle Falls		Rathdrum	Spokane N. E.
36	Fuel Kind	Gas		Coal		Oil	Gas	Gas	Wood		Gas	Gas
37	Fuel Unit	MCF		Ton	BBL		MCF	MCF	Ton		MCF	MCF
38	Quantity (Units) of Fuel Burned	6	31,165	943	,534	2,207	10,088,230	5,301	504,	,628	2,174,374	20,395
39	Avg Heat Cont - Fuel Burned (btu/indicate if nuclear)	1,0	020,000	16,970,000		5,880,000	1,020,000	1,020,000	8,600,000		1,020,000	1,020,000
40	Avg Cost of Fuel/unit, as Delvd f.o.b. during year		3.703	27	.423	83.617	4.207	3.025	16.581		3.094	4.018
41	Average Cost of Fuel per Unit Burned		3.703	27.423		83.617	4.207	3.025	16.	.581	3.094	4.018
42	Average Cost of Fuel Burned per Million BTU		3.631	1.616		14.221	4.124	2.966	1.	.928	3.033	3.939
43	Average Cost of Fuel Burned per kWh Net		0.034	0.017		0.0001	0.028	0.034	0.	.026	0.037	0.049
	Gen											