

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-22-15
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)	ORDER NO. 35592

On October 14, 2022, Avista Corporation (“Company”) filed a compliance filing (“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.

With this Order the Commission issues notice of the Company’s Filing and establishes public comment and Company reply deadlines.

NOTICE OF FILING

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company forecasts its average load growth at 0.74% annual average growth rate for 2023 through 2045. Filing at 2.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company states its natural gas forecast was developed using a “blend of two national forecasting consultant’s [*sic*] most recent forecasts, the U.S. Energy Information Administration’s Annual Energy Outlook..., and forward market prices as of July 26, 2022.” *Id.* at 3.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company “signed eight new long-term PURPA contracts, one Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), and one PURPA contract is scheduled to conclude at the end of 2022. The new PURPA contracts include six renewed contracts with existing resources.” *Id.* at 4.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company's Filing is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission's office. The Filing and related documents are also available on the Commission's website at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click on the "ELECTRIC" icon, select "Open Cases," then 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 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 this Filing may file a written comment explaining why the person supports or opposes the Filing. Persons who would like a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. **Persons shall have until December 5, 2022, to file written comments.** Comments must be filed 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 December 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 this case be processed by Modified Procedure, Rules 201-204 (IDAPA 31.01.01.201 - .204). Persons interested in submitting written comments must do so by December 5, 2022. The Company must file any reply comments by December 12, 2022.

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 10th day of November 2022.



ERIC ANDERSON, PRESIDENT

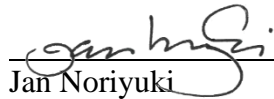


JOHN CHATBURN, COMMISSIONER



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ATTEST:



Jan Noriyuki
Commission Secretary

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