# **BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF AVISTA CORPORATION FOR THE AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES AND CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS SERVICE TO ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS IN THE STATE OF IDAHO CASE NOS. AVU-E-23-01 AVU-G-23-01 NOTICE OF SCHEDULE NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC WORKSHOP NOTICE OF TECHNICAL HEARING ORDER NO. 35736

On February 1, 2023, Avista Corporation ("Company") filed an application ("Application") with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") requesting authorization to increase its rates for both Electric and Natural Gas service. The Company requested a September 1, 2023, effective date.

On February 21, 2023, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and Notice of Intervention Deadline. Order No. 35684. Subsequently, the Commission granted intervention to Clearwater Paper Corporation, Idaho Forest Group LLC, Walmart Inc., and the Idaho Conservation League and NW Energy Coalition jointly (collectively the "Intervenors"). Order Nos. 35704, 35713, and 35719. With this Order, the Commission establishes the following procedural schedule.

# NOTICE OF SCHEDULE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Commission establishes the following procedural schedule:

- May 3, 2023: Virtual Public Workshop starting at 6:00 p.m. (MDT) and ending at 9:00 p.m. (MDT), or until all customer questions have been answered, whichever comes first.
- June 14, 2023: Commission Staff and Intervenor written testimony deadline.
- July 12, 2023: Company Rebuttal written testimony deadline.
- August 1, 2023: Technical Hearing starting at 9:00 a.m. (MDT) and ending at 5:00 p.m. (MDT).

NOTICE OF SCHEDULE NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC WORKSHOP NOTICE OF TECHNICAL HEARING ORDER NO. 35736 1 • August 2-3, 2023: Technical Hearing continued as needed each day starting at 9:00 a.m. (MDT) and ending at 5:00 p.m. (MDT).

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all testimony and exhibits in this matter must comport with the requirements of Commission Rules of Procedure 231 and 267. IDAPA 31.01.01.231 and .267.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will hold a Public Customer Hearing at a time, date, and location to be set by a subsequent Commission order.

#### NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC WORKSHOP

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Commission Staff ("Staff") will hold a virtual, online, public, informational workshop on WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023, starting at 6:00 p.m. (MDT) and ending at 9:00 p.m. (MDT), or after all customer questions have been answered, whichever comes first. The purpose of the workshop is to provide the public with an overview of the Application. At the start of the workshop, Staff will give a presentation on the Application. Following the presentation, the public may ask Staff questions about the Application. To participate over the phone, please call 1-415-655-0001, enter meeting number 2459 362 1261 when prompted, and enter the password 28478296.

To participate online, please visit idahogov.webex.com, and enter meeting number 2459 362 1261. Then, click on the green "Join" button. At the next window, please enter the password AvistaWorkshop. Next, please click on the green "Join Webinar" button. At the next window, please enter your name and e-mail address, and then click on the "next" button. Then click on the green "Join Webinar" button.

# NOTICE OF TECHNICAL HEARING

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will conduct a technical hearing in this matter on TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2023, starting at 9:00 a.m. (MDT) and ending at 5:00 p.m. (MDT). The technical hearing shall continue as necessary each day, AUGUST 2-3, 2023, starting at 9:00 a.m. (MDT) and ending at 5:00 p.m. (MDT). The technical hearing will be held at the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, 11331 W. Chinden Boulevard, Building 8, Suite 201-A, Boise, ID 83714. A technical hearing is an opportunity for the parties to the case to present witnesses, testimony, and exhibits. IDAPA 31.01.01.241.04. Persons interested in listening to the testimony and presentations at the technical hearing may attend the meeting using the information below: NOTICE OF SCHEDULE NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC WORKSHOP NOTICE OF TECHNICAL HEARING **ORDER NO. 35736** 

Day	Scheduled time (MDT)	To participate online	To participate by telephone
August 1, 2023	9:00 a.m- 5:00p.m.	Please visit <b>idahogov.webex.com</b> and enter meeting number <b>2457</b> <b>146 4476</b> . Then click on the green "Join" button. At the next window, please enter this password: <b>TuesdayHearing</b> . Next, please click on the green "Join Webinar" button. At the next window, please enter your name and e-mail address, and then click on the "next" button. Then click on the green "Join Webinar" button.	Please call <b>1-415-655-0001</b> and enter meeting number <b>2457 146 4476</b> when prompted. Next, please enter this numeric password: <b>88373294</b> .
August 2, 2023	( <b>as needed</b> ) 9:00 a.m- 5:00p.m.	Please visit <b>idahogov.webex.com</b> and enter meeting number <b>2452</b> <b>863 7546</b> . Then click on the green "Join" button. At the next window, please enter this password: <b>WednesdayHearing</b> . Next, please click on the green "Join Webinar" button. At the next window, please enter your name and e-mail address, and then click on the "next" button. Then click on the green "Join Webinar" button.	Please call <b>1-415-655-0001</b> and enter meeting number <b>2452 863 7546</b> when prompted. Next, please enter this numeric password: <b>93363732</b> .
August 3, 2023	( <b>as needed</b> ) 9:00 a.m- 5:00p.m.	Please visit <b>idahogov.webex.com</b> and enter meeting number <b>2460</b> <b>458 1126</b> . Then click on the green "Join" button. At the next window, please enter this password: <b>ThursdayHearing</b> . Next, please click on the green "Join Webinar" button. At the next window, please enter your name and e-mail address, and then click on the "next" button. Then click on the green "Join Webinar" button.	Please call <b>1-415-655-0001</b> and enter meeting number <b>2460 458 1126</b> when prompted. Next, please enter this numeric password: <b>84877329</b> .

NOTICE OF SCHEDULE NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC WORKSHOP NOTICE OF TECHNICAL HEARING ORDER NO. 35736 3 YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all hearings and prehearing conferences in this matter will be held in facilities meeting the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA"). Persons needing the help of a sign language interpreter or other assistance in order to participate in or to understand testimony and argument at a public hearing may ask the Commission to provide a sign language interpreter or other assistance at the hearing. The request for assistance must be received at least five working days before the hearing by contacting the Commission Secretary at:

IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION PO BOX 83720 BOISE, IDAHO 83720-0074 Telephone: (208) 334-0338 Facsimile: (208) 334-3762 Email: secretary@puc.idaho.gov

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the record in this matter is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission's office. These documents are also available on the Commission's website at <u>www.puc.idaho.gov</u>. Click on the "ELECTRIC" or "NATURAL GAS" 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 matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000, *et seq*.

# ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above procedural schedule is established.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Staff and Intervenors shall have until June 14, 2023, to prefile written testimony. The Company shall have until July 12, 2023, to prefile written rebuttal testimony.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Staff shall hold a virtual public informational workshop on <u>WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023, starting at 6:00 p.m. (MDT) and ending at 9:00 p.m.</u> (MDT), or after all customer questions have been answered, whichever comes first.

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at the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, 11331 W. Chinden Boulevard, Building 8, Suite 201-A, Boise, ID 83714.

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 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

ERIC ANDERSON. PRESIDENT

R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER

EDWARD LODGE COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

Jan Noriyuki

**Commission Secretary** 

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