

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION ) CASE NOS. AVU-E-23-01**  
**OF AVISTA CORPORATION FOR THE ) AVU-G-23-01**  
**AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES )**  
**AND CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC AND ) ORDER VACATING**  
**NATURAL GAS SERVICE TO ELECTRIC ) TESTIMONY DEADLINES**  
**AND NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS IN THE )**  
**STATE OF IDAHO )**  
**ORDER NO. 35808**

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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. Order Nos. 35704, 35713, and 35719.

On April 12, 2023, the Commission issued a Notice of Schedule, Notice of Virtual Public Workshop, and Notice of Technical Hearing. Order No. 35736. The Commission set a June 14, 2023, Commission Staff (“Staff”) and Intervenor written testimony deadline, and a July 12, 2023, Company Rebuttal written testimony deadline. *Id.*

On June 1, 2023, Staff, the Company, and all Intervenors participated in a settlement conference. Based upon that settlement conference, at the Commission’s June 6, 2023, decision meeting, Staff informed the Commission that Staff believes a settlement had been reached in principle (“Settlement”); however, at this time a proposed Settlement is not ready to file with the Commission for approval. Based upon the timing of the previously ordered procedural schedule for written testimony, Staff requested that the Commission vacate the written testimony deadlines until such time as a proposed Settlement is filed for Commission approval, or the Commission is informed that a proposed Settlement will not be filed.

**COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS**

The Commission finds it reasonable to vacate the presently scheduled testimony deadlines based upon the representation that a settlement has been reached in principle. The Commission

will revisit the procedural schedule at such time as a proposed Settlement is filed for Commission approval, or the Commission is informed that a proposed Settlement will not be filed.

**ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the June 14, 2023, Staff and Intervenor written testimony deadline, and the July 12, 2023, Company Rebuttal written testimony deadline are vacated.

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 8th day of June 2023.



ERIC ANDERSON, PRESIDENT

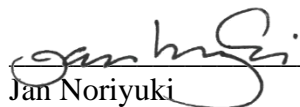


JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER



EDWARD LODGE, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



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Commission Secretary

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