

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF AVISTA</b>	)	<b>CASE NO. AVU-E-23-08</b>
<b>CORPORATION’S ANNUAL POWER COST</b>	)	
<b>ADJUSTMENT (PCA) APPLICATION</b>	)	<b>NOTICE OF APPLICATION</b>
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	)	<b>NOTICE OF MODIFIED</b>
	)	<b>PROCEDURE</b>
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	)	<b>ORDER NO. 35896</b>

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On July 31, 2023, Avista Corporation (“Company”), filed its annual Power Cost Adjustment (“PCA”) Application. If approved, the average residential customer’s monthly bill would increase by \$3.23, or 3.8%. The Company requests that this matter be processed by modified procedure effective October 1, 2023.

The Commission now issues this Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure establishing deadlines for interested parties to comment, and the Company’s reply.

**BACKGROUND**

Avista’s PCA tracks revenue and cost changes associated with variations in “hydroelectric generation, secondary prices, thermal fuel costs, and changes in power contract revenues and expenses.” Application at 2. The present surcharge was effective October 1, 2022, and was primarily associated with the deferral of power supply costs that were higher than those included in retail rates, due to higher wholesale electric and natural gas prices. Case No. AVU-E-22-11, Order No. 35543. The surcharge rate approved in Order No. 35543 ends on September 30, 2023. *Id.*

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company requests the Commission approve of a PCA surcharge rate of 0.499¢ per kilowatt-hour (“kWh”) to be effective from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024. The Company notes that the proposed PCA surcharge would represent an increase from the 0.150¢ per kWh currently being collected in customers’ rates as approved in Order No. 35543. If approved, the new PCA surcharge would represent an overall increase of \$11 million or 4.3% in Company revenues when accounting for the expiration of the existing surcharge.

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company provided written testimony explaining the factors contributing to the power cost deferrals included in its proposed PCA adjustment. The Company also represents that it has filed monthly reports with its actual PCA deferrals entries to date, and provided updated tariffs in Exhibit A.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application, Testimony, and Exhibits are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission's office. These documents are also available on the Commission's website at [www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov). Click on the "ELECTRIC" tab, select "Open Cases," and then locate 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. The Commission may enter any final order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

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 it will review the case through written submissions under the Commission's Rules of Modified Procedure Rules 201-204 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-204. 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 they support or oppose the Application. Persons who would like a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. **Persons shall have until September 12, 2023, 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](http://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 **September 19, 2023**.


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 will be processed by Modified Procedure. Persons interested in submitting written comments must do so by **September 12, 2023**. The Company must file any reply comments by **September 19, 2023**.

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 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023.



ERIC ANDERSON, PRESIDENT

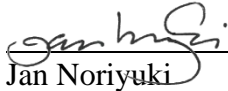


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