

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE RESIDENTIAL</b>	)	<b>CASE NOS. AVU-E-23-11</b>
<b>AND SMALL FARM ANNUAL RATE</b>	)	
<b>ADJUSTMENT FILING OF AVISTA</b>	)	<b>NOTICE OF APPLICATION</b>
<b>CORPORATION</b>	)	
	)	<b>NOTICE OF MODIFIED</b>
	)	<b>PROCEDURE</b>
	)	
	)	<b>ORDER NO. 35892</b>

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On July 31, 2023, Avista Corporation d/b/a/ Avista Utilities (“Company”) filed an application (“Application”) with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) requesting an order authorizing the Company to implement Residential and Small Farm Energy rates for electric service from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024. The Company requests an October 1, 2023, effective date. Application at 1.

The Company represents that the electric Residential and Farm Energy Rate Adjustment results from an agreement between the Company and Bonneville Power Administration (“BPA”) that provides a share of the benefits of the federal Columbia River power system to the residential and small-farm customers of the six investor-owned utilities of the Pacific Northwest. *Id.* at 2.

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company proposes a Residential and Small Farm Energy Rate Adjustment credit rate for rate schedules 1, 12, 22, 32, and 48 of 0.366¢ per kilowatt-hour, which represents a \$0.2 million, or 0.1%, increase to qualifying customers. *Id.* at 1.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company represents that under the current Residential Exchange rate adjustment, approximately \$4.93 million annually is being passed through to applicable Idaho customers through a uniform 0.380¢ per kilowatt-hour rate credit. *Id.* at 2-3.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company represents that the proposed rate credit of 0.366¢ per kilowatt-hour is designed to pass through approximately \$4.9 million, which represents the Idaho portion of the annual level of BPA benefits, offset by an over-refunded balance from the prior year, starting in October 2023. *Id.* at 3. The Company provides the following table detailing the differences between the current benefits and the proposed benefits.

Change in Benefit				
	2023		2022	
	Proposed		Present	
Idaho portion of benefit amount	\$ 5,363,249		\$ 5,205,238	\$ 158,011

Load Difference				
	2023		2022	
	Proposed		Present	
Projected kWh 10/1/23 - 9/30/24	1,335,411,644		1,296,551,531	38,860,114
Rate	\$ (0.00366)		\$ (0.00380)	0.00014
	\$ (4,887,607)		\$ (4,926,896)	

Over-refunded Balance	
2023 Projected Balance	\$ (488,001)
	<u>\$ (182,321)</u>

*Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company represents that residential customers using an average of 927 kilowatt-hours per month would see their monthly bills increase from \$85.40 to \$85.53, an increase of \$0.13 per month, or 0.2%. *Id.* at 4.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company represents that the Application will be brought to the attention of the Company’s customers through a Press Release, as well as Customer Notices that will be included in customer’s bills beginning in early August 2023 and will run for a full billing cycle. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission’s office. The Application is also available on the Commission’s website at [www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov). Click on the “ELECTRIC” 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 case will be held pursuant to the Commission’s jurisdiction under Title 61 of the Idaho Code, and 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 HEREBY 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 the Commission’s Rules of Procedure 201-204, 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 the person supports or opposes the Application. Persons who would like a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments and explain why written comments alone are insufficient. **Persons interested in filing written comments must do so by September 13, 2023.** 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 <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, persons 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 20, 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 final 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 filing be processed by Modified Procedure, Rules 201-204 (IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204). Persons interested in filing written comments must do so by September 13, 2023. The Company must file any reply comments by September 20, 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.

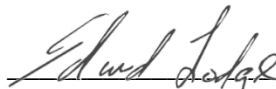
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023.



ERIC ANDERSON, PRESIDENT

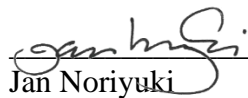


JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER



EDWARD LODGE, COMMISSIONER

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Jan Noriyuki  
Commission Secretary

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