

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

<b>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</b>	)	<b>CASE NO. AVU-E-23-13</b>
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	)	<b>NOTICE OF FILING</b>
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	)	<b>MODIFIED PROCEDURE</b>
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	)	<b>ORDER NO. 35952</b>

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On September 19, 2023, Avista Corporation (“Company”) filed a compliance filing (“Filing”) requesting that the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) issue an order accepting its updated load forecast, natural gas price forecast, and contract information components 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, 32802, and 35274. IRP avoided cost rates are available to qualifying facilities 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 represented the energy load forecast increases at 0.74% annual average growth rate for years 2024 through 2045.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED the Company stated its natural gas forecast was developed using a combination of “the U.S. Energy Information Administration’s Annual Energy Outlook. . . and forward market prices as of July 26, 2022.” Filing at 3.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company noted that, since its 2022 annual filing, the Company has signed one new long-term PURPA contract and extended three existing Power Purchase Agreements. The Company also indicated that it has plans to extend two PURPA contracts that are set to expire at the end of 2023.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED 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](http://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 November 14, 2023, 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](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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Commission:**

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that **the Company must file any reply comments by November 21, 2023.**

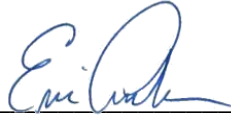
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider this matter on its merits and enter its order without a formal hearing. If written comments are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider them and, in its discretion, may set the same for formal hearing.

**ORDER**

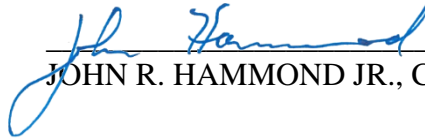
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this case be processed by Modified Procedure. Persons interested in submitting written comments must do so by November 14, 2023. The Company must file any reply comments by November 21, 2023.

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 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023.



ERIC ANDERSON, PRESIDENT

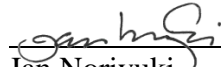


JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER



EDWARD LODGE, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



Jan Noriyuki  
Commission Secretary

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