

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION ) CASE NO. AVU-E-23-16**  
**OF AVISTA CORPORATION, D/B/A/ )**  
**AVISTA UTILITIES, REQUESTING ) NOTICE OF APPLICATION**  
**AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH TARIFF )**  
**SCHEDULE 23 FOR DIRECT CURRENT ) NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF**  
**FAST CHARGING (DCFC) OF ELECTRIC ) PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE**  
**VEHICLES )**  
**) NOTICE OF**  
**) INTERVENTION DEADLINE**  
**)**  
**) ORDER NO. 36008**

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On November 3, 2023, Avista Corporation, doing business as Avista Utilities (“Company”), filed an application (“Application”) with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) requesting authority to establish electric tariff Schedule 23, “Direct Current Fast Charging (“DCFC”) Rate Option,” effective February 1, 2024.

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company proposes a new optional commercial EV rate schedule primarily as a way to address the significant market barrier associated with high variable demand charges in existing rates. Application at 6. The Company represents that the EV rate schedule for general service Schedule 23 customers will encourage greater investment in public DCFC, while also continuing to recover utility costs through a higher per kWh charge. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company proposes optional commercial EV rate Schedule 23 for DCFC charging general commercial service. *Id.* The Company represents that in addition to the fixed demand charge, the Company proposes to increase the per kWh charge and eliminate the variable demand charge for this new rate schedule. *Id.* at 7. The Company submitted the table below with details comparing the existing Schedule 21 base rates and the proposed Schedule 23 DCFC base rates.

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**Table No. 2 – Schedule 21 and 23 Base Rate Comparison**

<b>Monthly Bill Component</b>	<b>Schedule 023</b>	<b>Schedule 021</b>
Fixed demand charge	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Demand charge over 50 kw	\$ 0.00	\$ 6.50
First 250,000 kWh	\$ 0.08509	\$ 0.07135
Over 250,000 kWh	\$ 0.07386	\$ 0.06012

*Id.* at 7.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company represents that the full calculations of the proposed rates for Schedule 23 have been provided as workpapers with the Application, and that commercial EV rate Schedule 23 will be subject to the same adder schedules (DSM, PCA, FCA, etc.) and miscellaneous charges consistent with existing Schedule 21. *Id.* at 7-8.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company states that the proposed rates provide reasonable recovery of utility costs based on a simple flat rate for energy charges, while eliminating demand charges that currently inhibit market growth. *Id.* at 8.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company represents that a relatively small number of customers are expected to adopt this optional rate schedule over the next few years; however, the Company believes that it may still be effective in removing a key market barrier to early adoption, while also providing a means to acquire utilization and cost data to inform revisions to the commercial EV rate schedules in the future. *Id.* at 9.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application and supporting documentation have been filed with the Commission and 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” 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.*

## SUSPENSION OF PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

The Company filed its Application on November 3, 2023, proposing a February 1, 2024, effective date. The Commission finds that the Company's proposed effective date does not provide adequate time for Commission Staff ("Staff"), and interested persons, to evaluate the Company's proposal. Pursuant to *Idaho Code* § 61-622, the Commission suspends the proposed effective date until April 1, 2024, or until the Commission enters an earlier order on the issue.

## NOTICE OF INTERVENTION DEADLINE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that persons desiring to intervene in this matter to obtain parties' rights of participation must file a Petition to Intervene with the Commission pursuant to this Commission's Rules of Procedure 71-73, IDAPA 31.01.01.072-073. **Persons who wish to intervene as a party must file a Petition to Intervene no later than fourteen (14) days after the date of service of this Order.** Persons desiring to present their views without parties' rights of participation do not have to intervene and may present their comments without prior notification to the Commission or the parties.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission Secretary shall issue a Notice of Parties after the deadline for intervention has passed. The Notice of Parties shall assign exhibit numbers to each party in this proceeding.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that once the Notice of Parties is issued, Staff will informally confer with the parties to discuss a schedule to process this case and other issues as may be raised by the parties.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the following persons are designated as the Company's representatives in this matter:

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**ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Company’s proposed effective date of February 1, 2024, is suspended until April 1, 2024, or until the Commission enters an earlier order on the issue.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that persons desiring to intervene in this case for the purpose of obtaining parties’ rights of participation must file a Petition to Intervene with the Commission, under Rules 71-73, IDAPA 31.01.01.071-073, no later than fourteen (14) days after the service date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, after the Secretary issues a Notice of Parties, Staff will informally confer with the parties to discuss the appropriate scheduling of this case.

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.

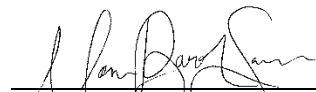
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 22nd day of November 2023.

  
ERIC ANDERSON, PRESIDENT

  
JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER

  
EDWARD LODGE, COMMISSIONER

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Monica Barrios-Sanchez  
Interim Commission Secretary  
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