

DECISION MEMORANDUM

**TO: COMMISSIONER ANDERSON
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DATE: APRIL 30, 2024

**SUBJECT: IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF AVISTA CORPORATION,
D/B/A/ AVISTA UTILITIES, REQUESTING AUTHORITY TO
ESTABLISH TARIFF SCHEDULE 23 FOR DIRECT CURRENT FAST
CHARGING (DCFC) OF ELECTRIC VEHICLES; CASE NO. AVU-E-23-16**

BACKGROUND

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.

On April 1, 2024, the Commission issued Order No. 36125 approving Schedule 23 with an effective date of April 1, 2024, as a pilot program until the next general rate case or until the Commission enters an order making this schedule permanent or modifying or terminating Schedule 23. The Order also required the Company to submit a compliance filing updating its Schedule 23 consistent with the Order by April 15, 2024. In addition, the Company is required to submit a semi-annual report including details about customer growth or loss, and the total kWhs consumed by Schedule 23 customers with the initial report due on or before August 30, 2024. Further, the Company shall notify Schedule 23 customers that rates are subject to change.

STAFF ANALYSIS

On April 2, 2024, the Company submitted a compliance filing with updated Schedule 23 tariffs. On April 5, 2024, the Company submitted a supplemental compliance filing that added additional language to the updated Schedule 23 tariffs. These compliance filings were submitted

to comply with Commission Order No. 36125. The Company included an effective date on the tariffs of April 1, 2024, and the following language in the supplemental compliance filing on Original Sheet 23A:

Schedule 23 will operate as a pilot until the Company's next general rate case when rates can be established based on cost-of-service or until the Commission otherwise issues an order making Schedule 23 permanent or modifying or terminating the schedule. The Company will notify all Schedule 23 customers that rates are subject to change at any time, even prior to the next general rate case.

Staff believes the updated tariffs and additional language satisfies the Commission's Order. The update tariffs are consistent with the proposed tariffs provided in Case No. AVU-E-23-16, include the ordered April 1, 2024, effective date, and include additional language stating Schedule 23 is a pilot and rates are subject to change at any time.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission accept the Company's compliance filing and approve the Company's supplemental updated tariff sheets submitted on April 5, 2024, with an effective date of April 1, 2024.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to accept the Company's compliance filing, and approve the Company's revised tariff sheets submitted on April 5, 2024, with an effective date of April 1, 2024?



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