

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE POWER COST) CASE NO. AVU-E-24-07
ADJUSTMENT (PCA) ANNUAL RATE)
ADJUSTMENT FILING OF AVISTA) NOTICE OF APPLICATION
CORPORATION)
) NOTICE OF MODIFIED
) PROCEDURE
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) ORDER NO. 36294
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On July 31, 2024, Avista Corporation, doing business as Avista Utilities (“Company”), filed its annual Power Cost Adjustment (“PCA”) application (“Application”). The Company requests that the Commission issue an order approving the level of power costs deferred in the rebate direction for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, and approving a PCA rebate rate of 0.205¢ per kilowatt-hour to be effective October 1, 2024. Application at 1.

BACKGROUND

The PCA is a mechanism used to track changes in revenues and costs associated with variations in hydroelectric generation, secondary prices, thermal fuel costs, and changes in power contract revenues and expenses. The present PCA surcharge is a rate of 0.499¢ per kilowatt-hour, based on an overall surcharge of approximately \$15.7 million, which was approved by the Commission in Order No. 35937, dated September 28, 2023, and is effective October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company represents that the proposed PCA rate adjustment of 0.205¢ per kilowatt-hour would rebate approximately \$6.6 million to customers effective October 1, 2024. *Id.* at 3. The Company states that the rebate is primarily associated with power supply costs that were lower than those included in retail rates, due to lower wholesale electric and natural gas prices, and that the net effect of the expiring surcharge, and the proposed rebate, is an overall decrease in revenue of approximately 7.4 percent, or \$22.8 million. *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. 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 by September 11, 2024.** 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 all parties at the e-mail addresses listed below. Persons submitting a comment by e-mail must provide their name, address, and the Case Number under which they are commenting. Persons submitting a comment by e-mail also acknowledge that submitting a comment in an open case constitutes a public record under *Idaho Code* § 74-101(13), and all information provided by such person is available for public and media inspection.

If computer access is unavailable, then comments may be mailed to the Commission and the Parties at the addresses below. Persons submitting a comment by mail must provide their name, address, and the Case Number under which they are commenting. Persons submitting a comment

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company must file any reply comments **by September 18, 2024.**

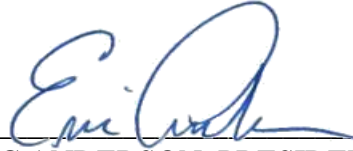
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider this matter on its merits and enter its final order without a formal hearing. If written comments are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider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

ORDER

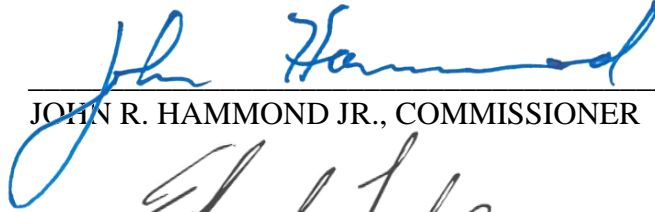
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Application be processed by Modified Procedure, Rules 201-204 (IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204). Persons interested in filing written comments must do so by September 11, 2024. The Company must file any reply comments by September 18, 2024.

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 21st day of August 2024.



ERIC ANDERSON, PRESIDENT

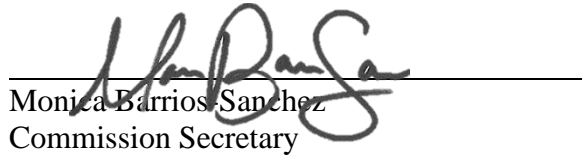


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