

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF AVISTA) CASE NO. AVU-E-24-10
CORPORATION’S ANNUAL COMPLIANCE)
FILING TO UPDATE THE LOAD AND GAS) NOTICE OF FILING
FORECASTS IN THE INCREMENTAL COST)
INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN AVOIDED) NOTICE OF
COST MODEL TO BE USED FOR AVOIDED) MODIFIED PROCEDURE
COST CALCULATIONS)
ORDER NO. 36347

On September 13, 2024, 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 with an effective date of January 1, 2025. The Company requests processing of this matter via 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 that its energy load forecast increases at 0.93% annual average growth rate for years 2026 through 2045.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company represented that its natural gas price forecast was developed using a combination of “the U.S. Energy Information Administration’s Annual Energy Outlook . . . and forward market prices as of December 15, 2023.” Filing at 3.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company noted that, since its 2023 annual filing, the Company has signed one new long-term Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (“PURPA”) contract and another was being negotiated last year. The Company further represented that two PURPA contracts ended and an updated power purchase agreement with Clearwater Wind begins in September 2024. The Company included details of the contracts in workpapers attached to its Filing.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Filing is 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. 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, and 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 it will review the case through written submissions under the Commission's Rules of Modified Procedure Rules 201-204 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Procedure, 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 Filing may file a written comment explaining why they support or oppose the Filing. Persons who would like a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. **Persons shall have until December 3, 2024, to file written comments.** 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 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 by 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.

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company must file any reply comments **by December 10, 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 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.

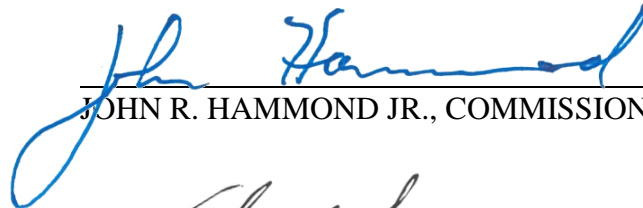
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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Company's Filing be processed by Modified Procedure, Rules 201-204. Persons interested in submitting written comments must do so by December 3, 2024. The Company must file any reply comments by December 10, 2024.

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.

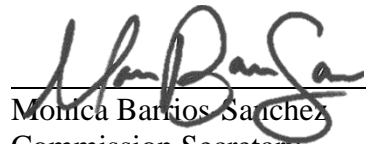
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 10th day of October 2024.


ERIC ANDERSON, PRESIDENT


JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER


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Monica Barrios-Sanchez
Commission Secretary

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