## **BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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IN THE MATTER OF AVISTA CORPORATION'S APPLICATION FOR THE AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES AND CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS SERVICE TO ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS IN THE STATE OF IDAHO CASE NOS. AVU-E-25-01 AVU-G-25-01

ORDER VACATING TESTIMONY DEADLINES

## **ORDER NO. 36636**

On January 31, 2025, Avista Corporation ("Company") applied to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") requesting authorization to increase its rates for both Electric and Natural Gas service ("Application"). The Company requests a Two-Year Rate Plan with a Rate Year 1 effective date of September 1, 2025, and a Rate Year 2 effective date of September 1, 2026.

On February 19, 2025, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and Notice of Intervention Deadline. Order No. 36470. Subsequently, the Commission granted intervention to Clearwater Paper Corporation, Idaho Forest Group LLC, and Walmart Inc (collectively "Intervenors"). Order Nos. 36472, 36490, and 36518.

On April 29, 2025, the Commission issued a Notice of Scheduling, Notice of Virtual Public Workshop, and Notice of Technical Hearing. Order No. 36586. The Commission established a June 11, 2025, Staff and Intervenor prefile testimony deadline and a July 8, 2025, deadline for Company rebuttal testimony. *Id.* 

On May 22, 2025, Commission Staff ("Staff"), the Company, and all Intervenors participated in a settlement conference. Based upon that settlement conference, at the Commission's June 10, 2025, decision meeting, Staff informed the Commission that Staff believes a settlement had been reached in principle ("Settlement"); however, the proposed Settlement was not ready to file with the Commission for consideration before the decision meeting. Based upon the timing of the previously ordered procedural schedule for written testimony, Staff requested that the Commission vacate the written testimony deadlines.

## COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS

The Commission finds it reasonable to vacate the presently scheduled testimony deadlines based upon the representation that a Settlement has been reached in principle. The Commission will revisit the procedural schedule after a proposed Settlement is filed for Commission approval, or the Commission is informed that a proposed Settlement will not be filed.

## ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the June 11, 2025, Staff and Intervenor written testimony deadline, and the July 8, 2025, Company rebuttal written testimony deadline are vacated.

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 June 2025.

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