# BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF AVISTA	) CASE NO. AVU-E-25-07
CORPORATION'S POWER COST	)
ADJUSTMENT (PCA) ANNUAL RATE	) NOTICE OF APPLICATION
ADJUSTMENT FILING	)
	) NOTICE OF MODIFIED
	) PROCEDURE
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	) ORDER NO. 36726
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On July 31, 2025, Avista Corporation ("Company") applied to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") requesting approval of recovery of power costs deferred for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, and approving a power cost adjustment ("PCA") rebate of 0.301¢ per kilowatt-hour ("kWh") to be effective October 1, 2025 ("Application"). If the new PCA rates are approved as filed, an average residential customer using 939 kWh of electricity a month would expect their monthly bill to decrease by \$0.51, or about 0.5 percent. With this Order, the Commission provides notice of the Company's Application and orders that the Application be processed under Modified Procedure.

### **BACKGROUND**

The PCA is a mechanism that monitors changes in revenues and costs associated with hydroelectric generation, secondary prices, thermal fuel costs, and changes in revenues and expenses from power contracts. The present PCA rebate rate is 0.246¢ per kWh, based on an overall rebate of approximately \$7.9 million, which was approved by the Commission in Order Nos. 36339 and 36376, dated October 1, 2024 and October 30, 2024, respectively, and is effective October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025.

# NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company represents that the proposed PCA rate adjustment of 0.301¢ per kilowatt-hour would return approximately \$9.6 million to customers effective October 1, 2025. *Id.* at 3. The Company states that the proposed rebate is mainly due to power supply costs that were lower than those included in retail rates because of lower wholesale

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Company's Application states Order Nos. 36339 and 36294 were the orders setting the current electric FCA rates. Application at 3.

electric and natural gas prices. *Id.* The net effect of the expiring rebate rates and the proposed rebate rates effective from October 1, 2025 through September 30 2026 is an overall decrease in revenue of approximately 0.5 percent, or \$1.756 million. *Id.* at 3, 5.

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 <a href="www.puc.idaho.gov">www.puc.idaho.gov</a>. 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 FURTHER 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 so by September 12, 2025.** 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 <a href="http://www.puc.idaho.gov/">http://www.puc.idaho.gov/</a>. 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

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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 September 19, 2025.

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 this Application be processed under Modified Procedure. Persons interested in submitting written comments must do so by September 12, 2025. The Company must file any reply comments by September 19, 2025.

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 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025.

EDWARD LODGE, PRESPOENT

JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER

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ATTEST:

Monica Barrios-Sanchez Commission Secretary

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