

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSION)	CASE NO. AVU-E-25-14
STAFF'S APPLICATION TO UPDATE)	
AVISTA CORPORATION'S COST OF)	NOTICE OF APPLICATION
CAPITAL INPUTS TO THE "SURROGATE)	
AVOIDED RESOURCE" METHODOLOGY)	NOTICE OF MODIFIED
)	PROCEDURE
)	
)	ORDER NO. 36798

On September 19, 2025, Staff of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission ("Staff") applied to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") requesting an order updating the Surrogate Avoided Resource ("SAR") Methodology model and approval of Staff's proposed SAR Methodology avoided cost rates for Avista Corporation ("Company"). Under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, the Commission calculates published avoided cost rates for eligible qualifying facilities ("QFs") using the SAR Methodology for all three major public electric utilities in Idaho.

With this Order we issue notice of Staff's Application and set public comment and Staff reply deadlines.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Staff represented that it updated the Company's cost of capital inputs in the SAR Methodology to reflect the capital structure and cost of capital approved in Order No. 36741, Case No. AVU-E-25-01. Application at 1-2.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Staff included an updated SAR model, updated Avoided Cost Rates for New Contracts, and Avoided Cost Rates for Renewal Contracts as Attachments to the Application. *Id.* at 2.

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 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 within 21 days of the service date of this Order.** 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 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 Staff must file any reply comments **within 28 days of the service date of this Order.**

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, Rules 201-204, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204. Persons interested in submitting written comments must do so **within 21 days of the service date of this Order.** Staff must file any reply comments **within 28 days of the service date of this Order.**

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 2025.


EDWARD LODGE, PRESIDENT


JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER


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ATTEST:


Laura Calderon Robles
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