

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF AVISTA) CASE NO. AVU-E-26-01
CORPORATION’S APPLICATION TO)
INCREASE ITS SCHEDULE 91 ENERGY) NOTICE OF APPLICATION
EFFICIENCY TARIFF RIDER)
ADJUSTMENT) NOTICE OF MODIFIED
) PROCEDURE
)
) ORDER NO. 36953

On February 13, 2026, Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities (“Company”) applied to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) requesting authority to increase its I.P.U.C. No. 28, Schedule 91, “Energy Efficiency Rider Adjustment” rates by approximately 7.4%, effective May 1, 2026.

The Commission now issues this Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure establishing written comment deadlines.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Schedule 91 is designed to recover costs of energy efficiency services and programs offered to customers. Application at 1. The Company’s energy efficiency measures provide customers with financial incentives or rebates for participating in programs, such as behavioral programs, low-income weatherization, and energy efficiency measures. *Id.* at 2–3.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company is seeking to establish tariff riders sufficient to fund the next 12 months’ expenditures for the Company’s Electric Energy Efficiency Program while also minimizing the amount of future under- or over-collections. *Id.* at 1.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that as of December 31, 2025, the Schedule 91 tariff rider was underfunded by approximately \$24.6 million. *Id.* at 3. According to the Company, the underfunded balance is primarily attributable to an unprecedented level of customer participation in the Company’s Small Business Lighting direct-install program and increased participation in the Site Specific program. *Id.* at 3–4.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that to address the underfunded rider balance, the Company proposes an increase in the Schedule 91 rates over the next 30 months. *Id.* at 4–5. If the

Application is approved as filed, the Company estimates an annual revenue increase of approximately \$25.2 million in Schedule 91, or 7.4% in overall billed rates. *Id.* at 5. The Company states that residential customers using an average of 939 kilowatt-hours per month would see a monthly bill increase of \$8.90, or 7.7% under the Company’s proposal. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company represents that a Customer Notice will be included in customer’s bills beginning in early March 2026 and will run for a full billing cycle. *Id.* The Company states that notice will also be posted to the Company’s website. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application and supporting documentation 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 by March 27, 2026.** 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 the Company must file any reply comments by April 3, 2026.

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 March 27, 2026. The Company must file any reply comments by April 3, 2026.

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 5th day of March 2026.


EDWARD LODGE, PRESIDENT


JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER


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ATTEST:


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