

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF AVISTA	)	CASE NO. AVU-E-26-07
CORPORATION’S RESIDENTIAL AND	)	
SMALL FARM ANNUAL RATE	)	NOTICE OF APPLICATION
ADJUSTMENT FILING	)	
	)	NOTICE OF MODIFIED
	)	PROCEDURE
	)	
	)	ORDER NO. 37135

On July 31, 2026, Avista Corporation (“Company”) applied to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) requesting authorization to implement a proposed increase to the Schedule 59—Residential and Small Farm Energy—Idaho (“Schedule 59”) credit rate for electric service for qualifying customers on Schedules 1, 12, 22, 32, and 48, from October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027 (“Application”).

With this Order we issue notice of the Company’s Application and set public comment and Company reply deadlines.

BACKGROUND

The electric Residential and Farm Energy Rate Adjustment results from an agreement between the Company and Bonneville Power Administration (“BPA”) that provides a share of the benefits of the federal Columbia River power system to the residential and small-farm customers of the six investor-owned utilities of the Pacific Northwest. The calculation of BPA benefits for Idaho customers is based on two key factors: the average electricity usage of the Company’s residential and small farm customers over the prior two years, and the difference between the Company’s Average System Cost (“ASC”) and BPA’s Priority Firm Exchange Rate. The difference between these two rates—ASC and Priority Firm Exchange Rate—is multiplied by annualized usage to determine the benefit amount. This benefit is then allocated between the Company’s Washington and Idaho customers based on each state’s actual energy use. To set the per kilowatt-hour (“kWh”) credit rate, the Company combines any remaining balance from the prior year with the upcoming year’s BPA benefit and divides that total by the projected kWh sales for the upcoming year. The Company’s current electric Residential and Farm Energy Rate Adjustment rate of a 0.233¢ per kWh credit was established by Order No. 36767.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company represents that the Residential and Small Farm Energy Rate Adjustment credit rate for customers on rate Schedules 1, 12, 22, 23, and 48 is proposed to increase from 0.233¢ per kWh to 0.252¢ per kWh which represents a \$0.3 million, or 0.1% increase in total credits provided to customers, effective October 1, 2026. Application at 2-3.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that currently, approximately \$3.3 million in benefits is being passed through to Idaho customers. *Id.* at 3. The proposed Schedule 59 credit of 0.252¢ per kWh would pass through approximately \$3.6 million. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company anticipates that a residential customer using an average of 939 kWh per month would see their monthly bill decrease \$0.19 or 0.15% per month. *Id.*

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 by September 8, 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 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 **September 15, 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

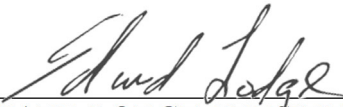
order without a formal hearing. If written comments are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider them and, in its discretion, may set the same for formal hearing.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this Application be processed under Modified Procedure. Persons interested in submitting written comments must do so by **September 8, 2026**. The Company must file any reply comments by **September 15, 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 14th day of August, 2026.


EDWARD LODGE, PRESIDENT


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