

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER AVISTA	)	CASE NOS. AVU-E-26-08
CORPORATION'S APPLICATION FOR AN	)	AVU-G-26-04
ACCOUNTING ORDER AUTHORIZING A	)	
CARRYING CHARGE ON BALANCES	)	NOTICE OF APPLICATION
ASSOCIATED WITH THE COMPANY'S	)	
DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT	)	NOTICE OF MODIFIED
PROGRAMS	)	PROCEDURE
	)	
	)	ORDER NO. 37098

On June 5, 2026, Avista Corporation, doing business as Avista Utilities, ("Company") applied to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") requesting approval to incorporate a carrying charge ("Application"), at the rate of 4.0% for 2026 and to be effective January 1, 2026, that would be updated each year based on the newest annual rate approved by the Commission, on the unamortized balances of the Company's Schedules 91 and 191 ("Energy Efficiency Rider Adjustment – Idaho"). Application at 1–2.

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 the Company represented as of May 2026, its Schedule 91 demand-side management ("DSM") tariff rider maintained "an unamortized balance of nearly \$28.5 million," which would continue to grow due to the current rate of recovery of 3.3% that the Commission set in Order No. 37047. *Id.* at 3.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company stated that it will have to finance the unamortized balance, which will cost the Company both debt and equity due to the length of time for the proposed recovery, until rates return the amount of the balance to the Company. *Id.* The Company believed that without the requested carrying charge, the Company would have to absorb 100% of the financing costs for DSM expenditures. *Id.* The Company believed that an approved carrying charge would alleviate the financial pressure of the unrecovered balance of Schedule 91 and recognize that financing comes at a cost for the Company. *Id.* at 4.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company represented that incorporating the carrying charge in the Energy Efficiency Rider Adjustment – Idaho would be in line with DSM tariffs that other Commission regulated utilities have set in place. *Id.* at 1.

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” and/or “GAS” icon, select “Open Cases,” and click on the case numbers as shown on the front of this document.¹

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 interested in filing written comments, must do so by August 4, 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

¹ For the electric case, Case No. AVU-E-26-08. For the gas case, Case No. AVU-G-26-04.

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 **August 18, 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 August 4, 2026. The Company must file any reply comments by August 18, 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 July 2026.



EDWARD LODGE, PRESIDENT



JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER



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