Office of the Secretary
Service Date
September 22, 2026

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF AVISTA CORPORATION'S APPLICATIONS FOR A DETERMINATION OF 2024 ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS ENERGY EFFICIENCY EXPENSES AS PRUDENTLY INCURRED	)	**CASE NOS. AVU-E-26-11 AVU-G-26-06** **NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS** **NOTICE OF INTERVENTION DEADLINE** **ORDER NO. 37176**

On August 31, 2026, Avista Corporation, doing business as Avista Utilities ("Company"), filed two applications with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") requesting prudence determinations of its 2025 electric and gas energy efficiency expenses for future ratemaking purposes (collectively, the "Applications").

The Company requests an order designating its electric energy efficiency expenditures from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, funded through the Company's Schedule 91 Energy Efficiency Rider Adjustment ("Schedule 91") in the amount of $20,688,852, as prudently incurred.

The Company also requests an order designating its natural gas energy efficiency expenditures from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, funded through the Company's Schedule 191 ("Schedule 191") Energy Efficiency Rider Adjustment in the amount of $2,742,431, as prudently incurred.

At the Commission's September 8, 2026, Decision Meeting, Commission Staff ("Staff") recommended that the Commission process the Applications together. The Commission finds that processing these cases together is reasonable and will be an efficient use of resources for any parties wishing to join. If circumstances change, or the issues diverge, we may consider bifurcating the cases at that time.

The Commission now issues this Order providing Notice of Applications and Notice of Intervention Deadline establishing a 21-day intervention period.

NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company's energy efficiency programs consist of options for residential, non-residential and low-income customers, including prescriptive, midstream, direct-install, site-specific, market transformation, and customer offerings. Electric Application at 2; Natural Gas Application at 2. The programs are funded through the Company's Electric and Natural Gas Energy Efficiency Rider Adjustments (Schedule 91 and Schedule 191), or tariff riders. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company represents that each option is designed to meet cost-effectiveness requirements and is evaluated by a third-party evaluator each year, and the results of both the Company's and the third-party evaluator's annual assessments of the energy efficiency programs are contained within the Annual Conservation Report ("ACR") that the Company has filed with the Applications. Electric Application at 2–3; Natural Gas Application at 2–3.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company requests a Commission determination that $20,688,852 incurred during 2025 for the Company's electric energy efficiency program were prudent and in the public interest. Electric Application at 1. The Company also requests a Commission determination that $2,742,431 incurred during 2025 for the Company's natural gas energy efficiency programs were prudent and in the public interest. Natural Gas Application at 1.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that according to the Company, its energy efficiency programs exceeded both their planned budgets and verified savings targets in 2025. Electric Application at 3; Natural Gas Application at 3. The Company's electric energy efficiency program achieved cost effectiveness in 2025, as measured by the Utility Cost Test ("UCT"). Electric Application at 5. The Company's natural gas energy efficiency program failed to achieve cost effectiveness in 2025, as measured by the UCT, which the Company attributes to "declining avoided-cost values, increasing program delivery costs, and the concentration of savings in a limited number of programs and measures." Natural Gas Application at 6, 8.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Schedule 91 began 2025 with an underfunded balance of $8,792,454 and ended the year with an underfunded balance of $24,563,489. Electric

Application at 4. Meanwhile, Schedule 191 began 2025 with an overfunded balance of $1,805,673 and ended the year with an overfunded balance of $2,742,431. Natural Gas Application at 4.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Applications and ACR are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission's office. These documents are also available on the Commission's website at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click on the "ELECTRIC" or "NATURAL GAS" icon, select "Open Cases," and click on the case number(s) 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 INTERVENTION DEADLINE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that persons desiring to intervene in this matter to obtain parties' rights of participation must file a Petition to Intervene with the Commission pursuant to this Commission's Rules of Procedure 71–73, IDAPA 31.01.01.071–073. **Persons who wish to intervene as a party must file a Petition to Intervene no later than 21 days after the date of service of this Order**. Persons desiring to present their views without parties' rights of participation do not have to intervene and may present their comments without prior notification to the Commission or the parties.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission Secretary shall issue a Notice of Parties after the deadline for intervention has passed. The Notice of Parties shall assign exhibit numbers to each party in this proceeding.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that once the Notice of Parties is issued, Staff will informally confer with the parties to discuss a schedule to process this case, and other issues as may be raised by the parties.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the following persons are designated as the Company's representatives in this matter:

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ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that persons desiring to intervene in this case for the purpose of obtaining parties' rights of participation must file a Petition to Intervene with the Commission, under Rules 71–73, IDAPA 31.01.01.071–073, no later than 21 days after the service date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, after the Secretary issues a Notice of Parties, Staff will informally confer with the parties to discuss the appropriate scheduling of this case.

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 22nd day of September 2026.

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EDWARD LODGE, PRESIDENT

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JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER

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ATTEST:

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