

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF AVISTA)
CORPORATION'S ANNUAL COMPLIANCE)
FILING TO UPDATE THE LOAD AND GAS)
FORECASTS IN THE INCREMENTAL COST)
INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN AVOIDED)
COST MODEL TO BE USED FOR AVOIDED)
COST CALCULATIONS)

CASE NO. AVU-E-26-12

NOTICE OF FILING

NOTICE OF MODIFIED
PROCEDURE

ORDER NO. 37198

On September 15, 2026, Avista Corporation ("Company") submitted a compliance filing requesting the Idaho Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") issue an order accepting its updated load forecast, natural gas price forecast, and contracts used as inputs to calculate its incremental cost Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP") avoided cost rates, as required by Order Nos. 32697, 32802, and 35274 ("Filing"). The Company requests its filing be processed by Modified Procedure with an effective date of January 1, 2027.

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

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company states that its most recent energy load forecast was developed on August 27, 2026, and is reflected in the following Table 1:

Table 1: Energy Load Forecast

Year	Energy (aMW)
2027	1,140
2028	1,152
2029	1,159
2030	1,164
2031	1,169
2032	1,177
2033	1,186
2034	1,200
2035	1,215
2036	1,236
2037	1,258
2038	1,287
2039	1,324
2040	1,371
2041	1,407
2042	1,447
2043	1,475
2044	1,498
2045	1,520
2046	1,539

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Filing at 2.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company's most recent energy load forecast is being used to develop its 2027 Electric IRP. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company represents that its energy load forecast is lower than last year because of the loss of a significant industrial customer. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED the Company states that its natural gas forecast was developed for its 2027 Electric and Natural Gas IRPs using a combination of "the U.S. Energy Information Administration's Annual Energy Outlook (AEO), and the 50th percentile of the forward market trading history between December 16, 2024, and December 16, 2025." *Id.* at 3. This forecast is reflected in the following Table 2:

Table 2: Natural Gas Price Forecast

Annual Average Price \$/Dth (2027 IRP)		
Year	Henry Hub	Stanfield
2027	3.91	3.14
2028	3.77	2.97
2029	3.74	3.03
2030	3.81	3.05
2031	4.20	3.42
2032	5.09	4.08
2033	5.29	4.53
2034	5.61	4.82
2035	5.81	4.92
2036	6.01	4.93
2037	6.20	5.05
2038	6.39	5.03
2039	6.57	5.16
2040	6.83	5.08
2041	7.21	5.27
2042	7.50	5.43
2043	7.83	5.75
2044	8.16	6.07
2045	8.54	6.23
2046	8.94	6.42

Id.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company represents that, since its 2025 annual filing, it has signed one new Power Purchase Agreement and one new long-term Public Utility Regulatory Policy Act of 1978 ("PURPA") contract. *Id.* The Company also indicates that it has pending agreements resulting from its 2025 All-Source Request for Proposals. *Id.* at 4.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Filing and attachments 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" 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 Filing may file a written comment explaining why the person supports or opposes the Filing. 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 December 1, 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 that 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 that 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 December 8, 2026.**

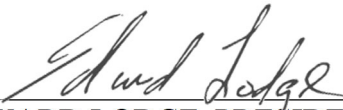
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider this matter on its merits and enter its final order without a formal hearing. If written comments are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider them and, in its discretion, may set the same for formal hearing.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this Filing be processed under Modified Procedure. Persons interested in submitting written comments must do so by December 1, 2026. The Company must file any reply comments by December 8, 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. 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.

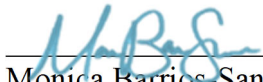
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 8th day of October 2026.


EDWARD LODGE, PRESIDENT


JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER


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Commission Secretary

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