## **DECISION MEMORANDUM**

TO: COMMISSIONER ANDERSON

COMMISSIONER HAMMOND COMMISSIONER LODGE COMMISSION SECRETARY

**COMMISSION STAFF** 

**LEGAL** 

FROM: DONN ENGLISH

**CHRIS BURDIN** 

DATE: SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF AVISTA CORPORATION

FOR THE AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES AND CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS SERVICE TO ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS IN THE STATE OF IDAHO; CASE NOS.

AVU-E-23-01 AND AVU-G-23-01.

On February 1, 2023, Avista Corporation ("Company") filed an application with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") requesting authority to increase its rates and charges for electric and natural gas service in the State of Idaho effective September 1, 2023, and September 1, 2024.

On August 31, 2023, the Commission issued Order No. 35909 approving a Stipulation and Settlement ("Settlement") agreed upon by the Company, Commission Staff, Clearwater Paper Corporation, Idaho Forest Group LLC, and Walmart Inc. On August 31, 2023, the Company submitted updated tariffs reflecting the rates approved by the Order.

Staff has reviewed the Company's updated tariffs effective September 1, 2023, and Staff believes the tariffs comply with the Settlement approved by Commission Order No. 35909.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission approve the Company's tariffs and schedules filed on August 31, 2023, with an effective date of September 1, 2023.

## **COMMISSION DECISION**

Does the Commission wish to approve the Company's tariffs and schedules filed on August 31, 2023, with an effective date of September 1, 2023?

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