

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION ) CASE NOS. AVU-E-23-02**  
**OF AVISTA CORPORATION, D/B/A AVISTA ) AVU-G-23-02**  
**UTILITIES, REQUESTING AUTHORITY TO )**  
**REVISE ITS ELECTRIC AND NATURAL ) ORDER VACATING COMMENT**  
**GAS BOOK DEPRECIATION RATES AND ) DEADLINES**  
**AUTHORIZE DEFERRED ACCOUNT )**  
**TREATMENT FOR DIFFERENCE IN ) ORDER NO. 35874**  
**DEPRECIATION EXPENSE )**  
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On February 22, 2023, Avista Corporation, doing business as Avista Utilities (“Company”), filed an application (“Application”) with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”), for approval of a proposed change to electric and natural gas book depreciation rates. The Company also requests that the Commission approve deferred accounting treatment if allocated depreciation rates are not approved by all jurisdictions prior to September 1, 2023, resulting in a difference between allocated depreciation expense included in Case Nos. AVU-E-23-01 and AVU-G-23-01, and allocated depreciation expense ultimately approved in these dockets. The Company requests that the Application be processed by Modified Procedure.

On March 15, 2023, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and Notice of Intervention Deadline. Order No. 35709. No parties intervened. On April 27, 2023, the Commission issued a Notice of Modified Procedure setting an August 8, 2023, comment deadline, and an August 15, 2023, reply comment deadline. Order No. 35754.

On July 13, 2023, Commission Staff (“Staff”) and the Company participated in a settlement conference. Based upon that settlement conference, Staff believes that a settlement (“Proposed Settlement”) has been reached in principle; however, Staff represents that at this time a Proposed Settlement is not yet ready to file with the Commission for approval.

Based upon the established procedural schedule, at the Commission’s August 1, 2023, decision meeting, Staff requested that the Commission vacate the existing comment deadlines until such time as either a Proposed Settlement is filed, or Staff informs the Commission that a Proposed Settlement will not be filed.

## COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS

The Commission finds it reasonable to vacate the presently scheduled comment deadlines based upon the representation that a settlement has been reached in principle. The Commission will revisit the procedural schedule at such time as either a Proposed Settlement is filed for Commission approval, or the Commission is informed that a Proposed Settlement will not be filed.

### ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the August 8, 2023, and August 15, 2023, comment deadlines are vacated.

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.

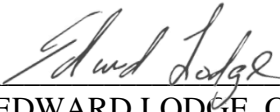
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August 2023.



ERIC ANDERSON, PRESIDENT

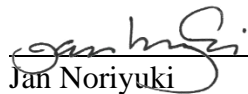


JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER



EDWARD LODGE, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



Jan Noriyuki  
Commission Secretary

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