

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF AVISTA’S)	CASE NO. AVU-G-23-08
APPLICATION FOR AN ORDER)	
AUTHORIZING DEFERRED ACCOUNTING)	NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR COSTS RELATED TO THE)	
NOVEMBER 2023 WILLIAMS NORTHWEST)	NOTICE OF
PIPELINE OUTAGE)	MODIFIED PROCEDURE
)	
)	ORDER NO. 36009

On November 9, 2023, Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities (“Company”) applied to the Commission for authority to defer costs associated with a “dig in” event causing the Williams Pipeline to shut down on the afternoon of November 8, 2023. The Company requested its Application be processed by Modified Procedure.

The Commission now provides this Notice of Application and establishes comment deadlines for interested persons and the Company’s reply.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the shutdown forced the Company to stop delivering natural gas to customers in the Moscow and Lewiston areas. Between Idaho and Washington, the Company estimates 35,000-40,000 customers were affected.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company had not finalized its response plan at the time of filing but indicated it will have to visit every affected premise to turn off natural gas meters, then purge the lines, and finally refill the lines, turn on the meters, and relight appliances. The duration of the outage was unknown at the time of filing.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company proposes to defer costs associated with this incident for future recovery. Under the Company’s proposal, it would seek reimbursement of deferred costs plus interest in a later proceeding. The Company did not rule out that it could seek damages through future legal proceedings which could be applied towards the deferral.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company did not provide its response plan, restoration plan, communications, or other shutdown response measures. The Company indicated it would supplement the filing when additional information is available.

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" 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.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED 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 it will review the case through written submissions under the Commission's Rules of Modified Procedure Rules 201-204 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Procedure, 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 they support or oppose the Application. Persons who would like a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. **Persons shall have until December 18, 2023 to file written comments.** 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, the customer must e-mail the comments to the Commission Secretary and the Company at the e-mail addresses listed below. If computer access is unavailable, then comments may be mailed to the Commission and Company at these addresses:

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company must file any reply comments **by December 20, 2023.**

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 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 the Company's Application be processed by Modified Procedure, Rules 201-204. Persons interested in submitting written comments must do so by December 18, 2023. The Company must file any reply comments by December 20, 2023.

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.

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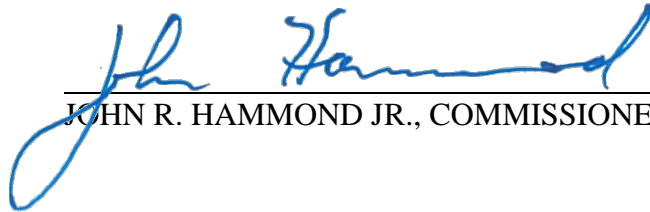
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 24th day of November 2023.



ERIC ANDERSON, PRESIDENT



EDWARD LODGE, COMMISSIONER



JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



Monica Barrios-Sanchez
Interim Commission Secretary

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