# BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF AVISTA	)	CASE NOS. AVU-E-25-01
CORPORATION'S APPLICATION FOR THE	)	<b>AVU-G-25-01</b>
AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES	)	
AND CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC AND	)	NOTICE OF SCHEDULE
NATURAL GAS SERVICE TO ELECTRIC	)	
AND NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS IN THE	)	NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC
STATE OF IDAHO	)	WORKSHOP
	)	
	)	NOTICE OF TECHNICAL
	)	HEARING
	)	
	)	ORDER NO. 36586

On January 31, 2025, Avista Corporation ("Company") applied to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") requesting authorization to increase its rates for both Electric and Natural Gas service ("Application"). The Company requests a Two-Year Rate Plan with a Rate Year 1 effective date of September 1, 2025, and a Rate Year 2 effective date of September 1, 2026.

On February 19, 2025, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and Notice of Intervention Deadline. Order No. 36470. Subsequently, the Commission granted intervention to Clearwater Paper Corporation, Idaho Forest Group LLC, and Walmart Inc. Order Nos. 36472, 36490, and 36518. With this Order, the Commission establishes the following procedural schedule and sets dates and times for a virtual public workshop and a technical hearing.

## NOTICE OF SCHEDULE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Commission establishes the following procedural schedule:

• May 14 & 15, 2025: Virtual Public Workshop starting at 6:00 p.m.

(MDT) and ending at 9:00 p.m. (MDT), or until all customer questions have been answered, whichever

comes first.

• June 11, 2025: Staff and Intervenor written testimony deadline.

• July 8, 2025: Company Rebuttal written testimony deadline.

• July 23-24, 2025: Technical Hearing starting at 9:00 a.m. (MDT) and

ending at 5:00 p.m. (MDT)

NOTICE OF SCHEDULE NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC WORKSHOP NOTICE OF TECHNICAL HEARING ORDER NO. 36586 YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all testimony and exhibits in this matter must comport with the requirements of Commission Rules of Procedure 231 and 267. IDAPA 31.01.231 and .267.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will hold a Public Customer Hearing at a time, date, and location to be set by a subsequent Commission order.

## NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC WORKSHOP

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Commission Staff ("Staff") will hold a virtual, online, public, informational workshop on <u>WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, MAY 14 & 15</u>, 2025, starting at 6:00 p.m. (MDT) and ending at 9:00 p.m. (MDT), or after all customer <u>questions have been answered, whichever comes first.</u> The purpose of the workshop is to provide the public with an overview of the Application. At the start of the workshop, Staff will give a presentation on the Application. Following the presentation, the public may ask Staff questions about the Application.

To participate online in the workshop on May 14, 2025, please visit idahogov.webex.com, and enter meeting number 2632 014 9728 (no spaces between numbers). Then, click on the green "Join" button. At the next window, please enter this password: Avista. Next, please click on the green "Join Webinar" button. At the next window, please enter your name and e-mail address, and then click on the "Next" button. Then click on the green "Join Webinar" button. To participate over the phone, please call 1-415-655-0001, and enter meeting number 2632 014 9728 when prompted.

To participate online in the workshop on May 15, 2025, please visit idahogov.webex.com, and enter meeting number 2631 125 1172 (no spaces between numbers). Then, click on the green "Join" button. At the next window, please enter this password: Avista. Next, please click on the green "Join Webinar" button. At the next window, please enter your name and e-mail address, and then click on the "Next" button. Then click on the green "Join Webinar" button. To participate over the phone, please call 1-415-655-0001, and enter meeting number 2631 125 1172 when prompted.

# NOTICE OF TECHNICAL HEARING

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will conduct a technical hearing in this matter on <u>WEDNESDAY</u>, <u>JULY 23</u>, <u>2025</u>, <u>starting at 9:00 a.m. (MDT) and ending at 5:00 p.m. (MDT)</u>. The technical hearing shall continue as necessary on <u>JULY 24</u>, <u>2025</u>,

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starting at 9:00 a.m. (MDT) and ending at 5:00 p.m. (MDT). The technical hearing will be held at the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, 11331 W. Chinden Boulevard, Building 8, Suite 201-A, Boise, ID 83714. A technical hearing is an opportunity for the parties to the case to present witnesses, testimony, and exhibits. IDAPA 31.01.01.241.04. Persons interested in listening to the testimony and presentations at the technical hearing remotely may attend the meeting using the information below:

Day	Scheduled time (MDT)	To listen online	To listen by telephone
July 23, 2025	9:00 a.m- 5:00p.m.	Please visit idahogov.webex.com, and enter meeting number 2868 954 8113 (no spaces between numbers). Then, click on the green "Join" button. At the next window, please enter this password: Avista. Next, please click on the green "Join Webinar" button. At the next window, please enter your name and e-mail address, and then click on the "Next" button. Then click on the green "Join Webinar" button.	Please call 1-415-655-0001, and enter meeting number 2868 954 8113 when prompted.
July 24, 2025	(as needed) 9:00 a.m- 5:00p.m.	Please visit idahogov.webex.com, and enter meeting number 2630 786 1657 (no spaces between numbers). Then, click on the green "Join" button. At the next window, please enter this password: Avista. Next, please click on the green "Join Webinar" button. At the next window, please enter your name and e-mail address, and then click on the "Next" button. Then click on the green "Join Webinar" button.	Please call 1-415-655-0001, and enter meeting number 2630 786 1657 when prompted.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all hearings and prehearing conferences in this matter will be held in facilities meeting the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA"). Persons needing the help of a sign language interpreter or other

NOTICE OF SCHEDULE NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC WORKSHOP NOTICE OF TECHNICAL HEARING ORDER NO. 36586 3 assistance to participate in or to understand testimony and argument at a public hearing may ask the Commission to provide a sign language interpreter or other assistance at the hearing. The request for assistance must be received at least five working days before the hearing by contacting the Commission Secretary at:

> IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION PO BOX 83720 BOISE, IDAHO 83720-0074

Telephone: (208) 334-0338 Facsimile: (208) 334-3762

Email: secretary@puc.idaho.gov

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the record in this matter is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission's office. These documents are also available on the Commission's website at <a href="www.puc.idaho.gov">www.puc.idaho.gov</a>. Click on the "ELECTRIC" or "NATURAL GAS" 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 matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000, *et seq*.

## **ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above procedural schedule is established.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Staff and Intervenors shall have until June 11, 2025, to prefile written testimony. The Company shall have until July 8, 2025, to prefile written rebuttal testimony.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Staff shall hold a virtual public informational workshop on <u>WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY</u>, <u>MAY 14 & 15, 2025</u>, <u>starting at 6:00 p.m. (MDT) and ending at 9:00 p.m. (MDT)</u>, or after all customer questions have been answered, whichever <u>comes first.</u>

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Commission will conduct a technical hearing in this matter on WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2025, starting at 9:00 a.m. (MDT) and ending at 5:00 p.m. (MDT). The technical hearing shall continue as necessary on JULY 24, 2025, starting at 9:00 a.m. (MDT) and ending at 5:00 p.m. (MDT). The technical hearing will be held at the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, 11331 W. Chinden Boulevard, Building 8, Suite 201-A, Boise, ID 83714.

NOTICE OF SCHEDULE NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC WORKSHOP NOTICE OF TECHNICAL HEARING ORDER NO. 36586 4 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 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025.

EDWARD LODGE RESIDENT

ON R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER

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ATTEST:

Monica Barrios-Sanchez Commission Secretary

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