Office of the Secretary
Service Date
October 30, 2025

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF AVISTA'S APPLICATION TO DECREASE ITS ENERGY EFFICIENCY TARIFF RIDER ADJUSTMENT SCHEDULE 191	)))))	**CASE NO. AVU-G-25-06** **ORDER NO. 36821**

On July 31, 2025, Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities ("Company") applied to the Commission for authorization to decrease its natural gas Schedule 191, "Energy Efficiency Rider Adjustment" rates. The Company proposed decreasing billed natural gas rates by 3.5% through its proposed revision of Schedule 191. The Company requested an effective date of November 1, 2025.

On August 21, 2025, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure, establishing public comment and Company reply deadlines. Order No. 36732. Staff filed the only comments.

BACKGROUND

Schedule 191 funds the Company's Natural Gas Efficiency Program as described in the Company's Schedule 190, which includes, but is not limited to, behavioral programs, low-income weatherization, Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance participation, and provision of incentives for various energy efficiency measures such as appliances, compressed air, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning, industrial, lighting, maintenance, motors, shell, and sustainable buildings.

THE APPLICATION

According to the Company, the Schedule 191 tariff rider balance was approximately $2.9 million overfunded as of June 30, 2025. The Company proposes revising Schedule 191 to decrease billed natural gas rates by 3.5%, with a requested effective date of November 1, 2025. Under the proposed rate, a typical residential customer would save approximately $2.20 on their monthly bills.

STAFF COMMENTS

After reviewing the Application and supporting documents, Staff supported the proposed 3.5% decrease in Schedule 191 rates, anticipating that it will bring Schedule 191 revenues in line with the Company's projected Demand Side Management costs and help reduce the current overfunded balance.

As of June 30, 2025, the Schedule 191 balance was overfunded by about $2.9 million, meaning the current rate is collecting more than needed for annual expenses. The Company explained that this overfunding is primarily due to lower-than-expected participation in commercial and residential programs, which resulted from a significant drop in avoided costs for 2024, limiting the available incentives to keep customers engaged.

The Company provided workpapers forecasting Schedule 191 revenues and DSM expenditures for 2025-2028, which Staff reviewed to ensure accuracy. The workpapers indicated that the proposed Schedule 191 rates will generate sufficient revenue to cover projected expenses and return the balance to $0 by October 2028. By spreading the revenue collection over a longer period, the Company aims to better align Schedule 191 revenues with the annual Energy Efficiency Program budget and minimize future rate impacts on customers. Accordingly, Staff found the new rate reasonable.

The Company filed two additional rate adjustment applications with requested effective dates of November 1, 2025. The first, the natural gas Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment ("PGA"), Case No. AVU-G-25-07, filed on July 31, 2025, proposes a decrease in natural gas revenues of about $6.5 million, or 7.2%. The second, the Fixed Cost Adjustment ("FCA"), Case No. AVU-G-25-05, also filed on July 31, 2025, requests an increase in overall natural gas revenues of approximately $80,000, or 0.1%. As a result of the combined effect of the three filings, the Company projected an overall decrease in natural gas revenues of about $9.5 million, or 10.6%. As a result, the average residential natural gas customer's monthly bill is expected to decrease by approximately $6.18, or 9.5%. The following Table 2 from Staff's comments summarizes the overall revenue impacts of the three filings if approved as submitted:

Table No. 2: Summary of Overall Impact to Electric Revenues

Case	$ Revenue Change	% Revenue Change
EE Tariff	($3.1 million)	(3.5%)
PGA	($6.5 million)	(7.2%)
FCA	$80,000	0.1%
Total	($9.5 million)	(10.6%)

The Company included a press release and customer notice with its Application. Staff reviewed both documents and confirmed they comply with Rule 125 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure. *See* IDAPA 31.01.01.125. The customer notice was distributed with bills mailed between August 1 and August 29, 2025. As of the October 6, 2025, comment deadline, no customer comments had been filed.

COMMISSION FINDINGS AND DECISION

The Commission has jurisdiction over the Company and this matter pursuant to *Idaho Code* §§ 61-336, 61-502, 61-503, and 61-622. The Commission has the express statutory authority to investigate rates, charges, rules, regulations, practices, and contracts of public utilities and to determine whether they are just, reasonable, preferential, discriminatory, or in violation of any provision of law, and may fix the same by order. *Idaho Code* §§ 61-502, 61-503.

The Commission has reviewed the record, and all submitted materials. Based upon its review, the Commission finds the Company's proposed decrease to natural gas rates of 3.5% through revisions in Schedule 191 is fair, just, and reasonable. The Commission makes no finding as to the prudence of any specific program funded under Schedule 191.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Company's Application to decrease the Schedule 191 Customer Efficiency Services Rate, with a November 1, 2025, effective date is approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Company's proposed Schedule 191 tariff is approved as filed.

THIS IS A FINAL ORDER. Any person interested in this Order may petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of the service date of this Order regarding any matter decided in this Order. Within seven (7) days after any person has petitioned for reconsideration, any other person may cross-petition for reconsideration. *Idaho Code* § 61-626.

DONE by Order of the Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 30th day of October 2025.

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EDWARD LODGE, PRESIDENT

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JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER

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