

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF AVISTA)	CASE NO. AVU-G-25-08
CORPORATION'S PROPOSED TARIFF)	
SCHEDULE 195—OPTIONAL RENEWABLE)	NOTICE OF APPLICATION
NATURAL GAS)	
)	NOTICE OF MODIFIED
)	PROCEDURE
)	
)	ORDER NO. 36787

On August 29, 2025, Avista Corporation dba Avista Utilities (“Company”) applied for authority to revise tariff Schedule 195—Optional Renewable Gas (“Application”). The Company proposes modifications to the voluntary Renewable Natural Gas (“RNG”) program that provides customers an opportunity to purchase RNG as part of their regular monthly service, which would increase the therms provided per \$5.00 block from 1.5 therms to 2 therms. The Company requests a January 1, 2026, effective date.

The Commission now issues this notice of the Company’s Application and of Modified Procedure establishing deadlines for interested parties to comment on the Application and for the Company to reply.

BACKGROUND

In Order No. 35520, the Commission approved the Company’s request to implement Schedule 195 offering a voluntary RNG program in Idaho. The tariff sheets approved in Order No. 35549 provide customers an opportunity to purchase blocks of RNG in addition to the customer’s regular natural gas charges to help offset their carbon emissions. Each block includes environmental attributes represented by the equivalent to 1.5 therms of RNG for \$5.00 per block.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company states that after its original contract to acquire RNG for its program expired in December 2024, the Company was able to secure a more favorable price in its new RNG supplier agreement. Application at 2. The Company proposes to pass the savings from the new agreement onto customers participating in the RNG program. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company seeks to update its RNG program by making each block of RNG include environmental attributes represented by the equivalent to 1.5 therms of RNG for \$5.00 per block. *Id.* at 3.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company believes preserving the current price of \$5.00 per block would be easy for customers to understand by maintaining a consistent bill impact. *Id.* at 3.

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 "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 case will be held pursuant to the Commission's jurisdiction under Title 61 of the Idaho Code, and 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 that it will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure 201-204, 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 the person supports or opposes the Application. Persons who would like a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments and explain why written comments alone are insufficient. **Persons interested in filing written comments, must do so by October 29, 2025.** 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 <http://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, persons must e-mail the comments to the Commission Secretary and all parties at the e-mail addresses listed below. Persons submitting a comment by e-mail must provide their name, address, and the Case Number under which they are commenting. Persons submitting a comment by e-mail also acknowledge that submitting a comment in an open case constitutes a public record under *Idaho Code* § 74-101(13), and all information provided by such person is available for public and media inspection.

If computer access is unavailable, then comments may be mailed to the Commission and the Parties at the addresses below. Persons submitting a comment by mail must provide their name, address, and the Case Number under which they are commenting. Persons submitting a comment by mail also acknowledge that submitting a comment in an open case constitutes a public record under *Idaho Code* § 74-101(13), and all information provided by such person is available for public and media inspection.

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company must file any reply comments **by November 13, 2025.**

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 final 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 this Application be processed under Modified Procedure. Persons interested in submitting written comments must do so by October 29, 2025. The Company must file any reply comments by November 13, 2025.

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 6th day of October 2025.


EDWARD LODGE, PRESIDENT


JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER


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