

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF AVISTA	)	CASE NO. AVU-G-26-05
CORPORATION'S APPLICATION FOR AN	)	
ORDER AUTHORIZING A DECREASE IN	)	NOTICE OF APPLICATION
RATES CHARGED FOR NATURAL GAS	)	
DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT	)	NOTICE OF MODIFIED
PROGRAMS	)	PROCEDURE
	)	
	)	ORDER NO. 37143

On July 31, 2026, Avista Corporation, doing business as Avista Utilities (“Company”), applied to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) requesting authorization to decrease the rates under its natural gas tariff Schedule 191—Energy Efficiency Rider Adjustment (“Rider”), effective November 1, 2026, in alignment with its application to suspend its natural gas demand-side management (“DSM”) programs in Case No. AVU-G-26-01 (“Application”). Application at 1. If approved, the Company’s annual natural gas revenues would be reduced by approximately 1.6% and an Idaho residential natural gas customer using approximately 66 therms per month would see a \$1.03 decrease in their monthly bill (i.e., decrease from \$59.28 to \$58.24). *Id.* at 7.

The Commission now issues this Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure establishing written comment deadlines.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company represented it expects the Rider to be overfunded by approximately \$1.2 million by November 1, 2026. *Id.* at 5. The Company projected that the Rider would be overfunded by almost \$935,000 at the beginning of 2027. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company stated it was not proposing returning the Rider’s overfunded balance to its customers at this time because the Company’s DSM programs were going to continue to incur costs through 2026 and into 2027, as the Company continued to manage contractual obligations associated with its DSM programs. *Id.* at 5–6.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company requested approval to change its tariff rider rate to \$0.00000 per therm, effective November 1, 2026. *Id.* at 6.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application, workpaper forecasts, and the workpapers in support of the Company's proposed rate decrease are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission's office. The Application, workpaper forecasts, and the workpapers in support of the Company's proposed rate decrease are also available on the Commission's website at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click on the "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 14, 2026.** 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, 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 **October 21, 2026**.

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 14, 2026. The Company must file any reply comments by October 21, 2026.

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 20th day of August 2026.


EDWARD LODGE, PRESIDENT


JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER


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