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NEWS RELEASE: Commission schedules online workshops, technical hearing for utility's application to increase rates for electric and natural gas service.

**BOISE (May 1, 2025)** – The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has scheduled online workshops and a technical hearing for an application submitted by Avista Utilities to increase the rates it charges for electric and natural gas service.

The utility is proposing to increase the electric rate for residential customers who use an average of 939 kilowatt hours per month by 14.7 percent. This represents an increase of \$15.36 per month. Customers using an average of 939 kilowatt hours per month would see their bills increase from \$104.30 to \$119.66. The utility also is proposing to increase the basic charge to \$25.00 per month, up from \$20.00 per month. Avista is asking that the rate change begin on Sept. 1, 2025.

The utility also is seeking approval for a rate increase beginning Sept. 1, 2026. If approved, electric residential customers using an average of 939 kilowatt hours per month would see an increase of 5.3 percent, or \$6.36, for a monthly bill of \$126.02. This is an increase from \$119.66 per month. The utility also is proposing an increase of \$5 per month in the basic charge, bringing it to \$30.00 per month.

In the same filing, the utility is seeking approval to increase the rate it charges for natural gas service. If the application is approved as filed, residential natural gas customers using an average of 66 therms per month would see an increase of 10.4 percent, or \$6.29, for a monthly bill of \$66.92. This is an increase from \$60.63. Avista is proposing that the increase begin on Sept. 1, 2025. The utility also is seeking an increase that would begin on Sept. 1, 2026. If approved by the commission, residential natural gas customers using an average of 66 therms per month would see an increase of 1.3 percent, or \$0.88. The monthly bill would increase to \$67.80, up from \$66.92.

The utility said it is seeking the rate increases to pay for an increase in net plant investment. It said it also saw an increase in costs for distribution, operation, maintenance, administrative and general expenses for electric and natural gas operations.

The commission can approve, deny or modify the application.

The workshops will be held on May 14 and May 15. Commission staff will present an overview of the application and answer customer questions. The May 14 workshop will begin at 6:00 p.m. (PDT) and conclude at 9:00 p.m. or until all customer questions have been answered, whichever comes first. The May 15 workshop will begin at 12:00 p.m. (PDT) and conclude at 3:00 p.m. or until all customer questions have been answered, whichever comes first.

To participate in the May 14 workshop, please visit [idahogov.webex.com](http://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 in the May 15 workshop, please visit [idahogov.webex.com](http://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.

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The commission will hold a technical hearing on Wednesday, July 23. Technical hearings are held when a utility’s application may be more significant to customers or present complex issues. Parties to a case cross examine witnesses and submit testimony during these hearings. The hearing will begin at 9:00 a.m. (MDT) and conclude at 5:00 p.m. It will be held at the commission’s offices, 11331 W. Chinden Boulevard, Building 8, Suite 201-A, Boise, ID 83714.

Those interested in attending online can do so by visiting [idahogov.webex.com](http://idahogov.webex.com) and entering 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.

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If needed, the hearing will continue on July 24. It will begin at 9:00 a.m. (MDT) and conclude at 5:00 p.m. The hearing will be held at the commission's offices, 11331 W. Chinden Boulevard, Building 8, Suite 201-A, Boise, ID 83714.

Those interested in attending online can do so by visiting [idahogov.webex.com](http://idahogov.webex.com), and entering 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.

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Additional information on Avista's application is available at: [puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7453](http://puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7453) and [puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7452](http://puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7452).