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**NEWS RELEASE:** Commission schedules customer hearing to take testimony on utility's application to increase rates for electric and natural gas service.

**BOISE (June 11, 2025)** – The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has scheduled a customer hearing to take testimony on an application submitted by Avista Utilities to increase the rates it charges for electric and natural gas service.

The utility has proposed to increase electric rates by 14.4 percent beginning Sept. 1, 2025. Residential customers who use an average of 939 kilowatt hours per month would see an increase of 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.

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 investments, power supply expenses, insurance premium expenses, and labor expenses. 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. In addition, a proposed stipulated settlement among the parties to the case could determine the amount of any rate changes.

The customer hearing will be held Wednesday, June 25, at the Molstead Library's Todd Lecture Hall at North Idaho College, 875 W. Garden Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814. The purpose of the hearing is to take testimony for the record. It will begin at 4:00 p.m. (PDT) and conclude at 7:00 p.m. or after all customer testimony has been taken, whichever comes first. In-person attendance is required to submit testimony. Those planning to testify are encouraged to arrive at the hearing location by 3:45 p.m. as the hearing will conclude when it appears all customer testimony has been received.

Those interested in listening to the hearing remotely can do so by calling 1-415-655-0001 and entering meeting number 2867 771 5779 when prompted.

The hearing will continue telephonically on Thursday, June 26. It will begin at 12:00 p.m. (PDT) and end at 3:00 p.m. or after all customer testimony has been taken, whichever comes first. Those planning to testify are encouraged to call in by 11:55 a.m. (PDT) as the hearing will conclude when it appears all customer testimony has been received. Those wishing to call in and testify can do so by calling 1-415-655-0001 and entering meeting number 2861 516 9950 when prompted.

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).