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NEWS RELEASE: Commission is accepting written comments on utility's applications to change rates for natural gas customers.

BOISE (Aug. 22, 2025) – The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is accepting written comments on three applications from Avista Utilities to change the rates it charges to offer service to natural gas customers in northern Idaho.

Avista Utilities is seeking commission approval to change the fixed cost adjustment (FCA) rates for natural gas service from Nov. 1, 2025, through Oct. 31, 2026. The FCA is a rate adjustment mechanism that is designed to break the link between the energy a utility sells and the revenue it collects to recover fixed costs by providing service, which decouples the utility's revenues from its customers' energy usage. The decoupling removes a utility's incentive to increase sales to increase revenue and profits and encourages energy conservation.

The utility also submitted an application for its purchased gas cost adjustment (PGA). The PGA allows Avista to adjust on a regular basis the amount it charges customers to reflect the actual cost of the natural gas provided to customers.

The third application involves the energy efficiency rider adjustment rates. Avista is seeking to recover costs associated with energy efficiency services and programs offered to customers. The utility provides customers with financial incentives or rebates for participating in the programs.

If the applications are approved by the commission as filed, residential natural gas customers using an average of 66 therms per month would see their monthly bills decrease from \$64.74 to \$58.56, a decrease of \$6.18 per month. The commission can approve, deny or modify the applications.

The commission is accepting written comments on the FCA application until Oct. 8, 2025. Comments are required to be filed through the commission's website or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To submit comments using the commission website, please visit puc.idaho.gov and click on the "Case Comment Form" link on the upper left side of the page. Please use case number AVU-G-25-05 when filling out the form. If using e-mail, comments are required to be sent to the commission secretary and Avista Utilities at the e-mail addresses listed below. Commenters are required to include their name, address and case number AVU-G-25-05. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the commission and Avista Utilities at the addresses listed below. Those submitting comments through the mail are required to include their name, address and case number AVU-G-25-05.

Written comments on the PGA application are being accepted until Oct. 9, 2025. Those interested in submitting comments can follow the steps above, and use case number AVU-G-25-07 instead of AVU-G-25-05. Written comments on the energy efficiency rider adjustment rates application are being accepted until Oct. 6, 2025. Those interested in submitting comments can follow the steps above, and use case number AVU-G-25-06.

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