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NEWS RELEASE: Northern Idaho Electric Utility Files Annual Applications Seeking to Change Rates

BOISE (Aug. 20, 2026) – The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has set a deadline for written comments on three applications submitted by Avista Utilities seeking to change the rates it charges for electric service.

The utility filed its annual Power Cost Adjustment (PCA), Fixed Cost Adjustment (FCA) and the Bonneville Power Administration Residential Exchange (ResEx) adjustment.

The PCA is a mechanism that monitors changes in revenues and costs associated with hydroelectric generation, secondary prices, thermal fuel costs and changes in revenues and expenses from power contracts.

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. This decouples the utility's revenues from its customers' energy usage. The decoupling removes the utility's incentive to increase sales to increase revenue and profits. It also encourages energy conservation.

The ResEx provides a share of the benefits of the federal Columbia River power system to residential and small farm customers in Idaho. Avista applies the benefits it receives, which usually fluctuate from year to year, to customers as a credit in their monthly electric rates.

If the three applications are approved by the Commission as filed, electric customers in Idaho using an average of 939 kilowatt hours per month will see their monthly bills increase from \$119.52 to \$127.28, an increase of approximately 6.5 percent. The utility is asking that the new rates take effect Nov. 1, 2026.

The Commission is accepting written comments on the FCA and ResEx through Sept. 8, 2026. Comments are required to be filed through the Commission's website or by email unless computer access is unavailable.

To submit comments online, visit puc.idaho.gov and click on the "Case Comment Form" link in the upper left corner of the homepage. Please reference case number AVU-E-26-07 if commenting on the ResEx and use case number AVU-E-26-06 if commenting on the FCA.

Comments submitted by email should be sent to the email addresses listed below. Commenters must include their name, address and the case number. If computer access is unavailable, comments may be mailed to the addresses listed below and must include the commenter's name, address and the case number in the correspondence.

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The Commission is accepting written comments on the PCA through Sept. 9, 2026. Follow the steps above, using case number AVU-E-26-05 in correspondence. If emailing comments, please use the email addresses below. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the addresses below.

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