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Order No. 37139

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NEWS RELEASE: Northern Idaho Natural Gas Utility Files Annual Applications to Change Rates

BOISE (Aug. 21, 2026) – The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is accepting written comments on three applications submitted by Avista Utilities to change the rates it charges natural gas customers in northern Idaho.

The utility is seeking Commission approval to change the Fixed Cost Adjustment (FCA) rate. 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 utility also submitted an application for its Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) rate. The PGA allows Avista to adjust rates up or down to reflect actual changes in the utility's costs to buy natural gas from suppliers, including changes in transportation, storage and other related costs.

The third application involves the natural gas energy efficiency rider adjustment. It involves the funding of Avista's energy efficiency programs, which are designed to help the utility's Idaho customers conserve energy. They include rebates for installing energy-efficient products like Energy Star certified windows and educational outreach to help customers reduce energy usage and costs. The programs are funded by an energy efficiency charge on customers' bills. Avista is seeking Commission approval to temporarily suspend the programs, and is proposing to reduce the charge for the programs to \$0.00000 per therm.

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 \$59.28 to \$58.38, a decrease of approximately 1.5 percent.

Comment Deadlines and Case Numbers

Written comments are accepted on all three applications. Please use the case number associated with the application you are commenting on.

- **Fixed Cost Adjustment (FCA) - Case No. AVU-G-26-02: Comments due Oct. 13, 2026**
- **Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) - Case No. AVU-G-26-03: Comments due Oct. 14, 2026**
- **Energy Efficiency Rider Adjustment - Case No. AVU-G-26-05: Comments due Oct. 14, 2026**

FCA and PGA Comments

Comments on the FCA and PGA applications may be submitted through the Commission's website or by email unless computer access is unavailable. To submit comments through the Commission's website, visit puc.idaho.gov and click on the "Case Comment Form" link in the upper left side of the page. Use case number AVU-G-26-02 for the FCA application or AVU-G-26-03 for the PGA application. Comments submitted by email must include the commenter's name, address and appropriate case number. If computer access is unavailable, comments may be mailed and must include the commenter's name, address and appropriate case number.

Idaho Public Utilities Commission: Commission Secretary, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83702-0074: secretary@puc.idaho.gov.

Avista Utilities: AVU-G-26-02 for the FCA: Submit to both; Anni Glogovac and Patrick D. Ehrbar, Avista Corporation, P.O. Box 3727, 1411 E. Mission Avenue, MSC 27, Spokane, WA 99220-3727: anni.glogovac@avistacorp.com and pat.ehrbar@avistacorp.com.

Avista Utilities: AVU-G-26-03 for the PGA: Submit to both; Anni Glogovac and Patrick D. Ehrbar, Avista Corporation, P.O. Box 3727, 1411 E. Mission Avenue, MSC 27, Spokane, WA 99220-3727: anni.glogovac@avistacorp.com and pat.ehrbar@avistacorp.com and dockets@avistacorp.com.

Energy Efficiency Rider Adjustment Comments

Comments on the energy efficiency rider adjustment are being accepted through Oct. 14, 2026. Comments may be submitted through the Commission's website or by email unless computer access is unavailable. To submit comments through the Commission's website, visit puc.idaho.gov and click on the "Case Comment Form" link in the upper left side of the page. Use case number AVU-G-26-05. Comments submitted by email must include the commenter's name, address and case number AVU-G-26-05. If computer access is unavailable, comments may be mailed and must include the commenter's name, address and case number.

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Additional information on Avista's applications is available at:

<https://puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7789>

<https://puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7791>

<https://puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7808>.