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NEWS RELEASE: Northern Idaho Electric Utility Submits Application Seeking Certificate to Build Transmission Line

BOISE (Aug. 31, 2026) – The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is accepting written comments until late October on an application submitted by Avista Utilities seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) to build a transmission line and related facilities.

The utility is proposing to build the 115 kilovolt Carlin Bay transmission line that would serve the east side of Lake Coeur d'Alene. The area currently is served by two distribution feeders, one from the Blue Creek Substation and one from the O'Gara Substation. Avista said both feeders have experienced sustained outages and have reached their capacity as population and electricity demand continue to grow.

The utility also said the additional transmission capacity would provide a dependable source of energy for existing and future customers, create greater flexibility in delivering energy and reserve capacity, and provide an alternative source for shifting electrical loads during outages or equipment failures.

Avista anticipates construction of the line would begin in 2027 and take approximately two years, with energization of the line expected in late 2028.

The Commission is accepting written comments on the application for the CPCN through Oct. 27, 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-26-10 when submitting comments.

Comments submitted by email should be sent to the email addresses listed below. Commenters must include their name, address and case number AVU-E-26-10. If computer access is unavailable, comments may be mailed to the addresses listed below and must include the commenter's name, address and case number AVU-E-26-10 in the correspondence.

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Additional information on Avista's application is available at: <https://puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7805>.