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NEWS RELEASE: Commission Sets New Written Comments Deadline for Northern Idaho Electric Utility's Application to Build Transmission Line

BOISE (Oct. 26, 2026) – The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has set a new deadline for submitting written comments on an application from Avista Utilities to build a transmission line and related facilities.

The utility is proposing to build the 115 kilovolt Carlin Bay transmission line to 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 the population grows and electricity demand increases.

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

The initial deadline to submit comments was Oct. 27, 2026. The Commission determined that additional time is needed to process the utility's application and is extending the deadline through Nov. 17, 2026.

Comments must be filed through the Commission's website or by email unless computer access is unavailable. To submit comments online, visit puc.idaho.gov and choose the "Case Comment Form" link in the upper left corner of the homepage. Please include 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 correspondence.

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