



PUBLIC WORKSHOP



Avista Utilities

Application to increase its Electric and Natural Gas rates
and charges in Idaho



Case Nos. AVU-E-25-01 / AVU-G-25-01

IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

May 14 & 15, 2025

PARTICIPATION

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INTRODUCTIONS

Adam Rush – Public Information Officer

James Chandler– Auditor

Kimberly Loskot – Utilities Analyst

Jolene Bossard– Utilities Compliance Investigator

IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Established in 1913. Idaho Code Sections 61 and 62.

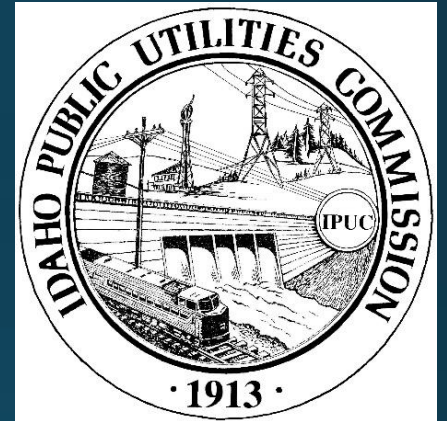
The Commission regulates Idaho's investor-owned utilities, ensuring **adequate service and reasonable rates**.

The Commission is made up of three commissioners appointed by the Governor.

The Commission makes the decisions in each case.

Commission Staff is made up of Auditors, Engineers, Technical Analysts, Utilities Compliance Investigators and Admin.

Commission Staff is a party in all filed cases and provides comments and recommendations to the Commissioners.



Purpose of Public Workshop

- Informational session to:
 - Provide an overview of the IPUC and its role.
 - Describe the related case history.
 - Describe the case process.
 - Present Avista Corp's application.
 - Explain how to submit written comments.
 - Provide an opportunity to ask questions on the application.
- This Public Workshop is not part of the official case record.

Case Schedule

James Chandler
Auditor



CASE SCHEDULE



Event	Date	Time
Case Filed	January 31, 2025	
Virtual Public Workshop	May 14, 2025 May 15, 2025	6 pm (PT) 12 pm (PT)
Written Public Comments	Continue filing	
Staff Testimony	June 11, 2025	
Public Customer Hearing	TBD – Pending Commission Order	TBD
Company Rebuttal Testimony	July 8, 2025	
Close of Case	Final Order	

Application, Case Drivers & Revenue Requirement

APPLICATION

Avista's Request for Electric and Natural Gas:

- Filed January 31, 2025 (Two-Year Rate Plan)
 - Effective Dates
 - Year 1: September 1, 2025
 - Year 2: September 1, 2026

Average Increase	Electric		Natural Gas	
Year 1	\$43 M	(14.4%)	\$8.8M	(10.3%)
Year 2	\$17.7 M	(5.2%)	\$1 M	(1%)

*Please note that these are requests made by the Company. Actual rate changes are yet to be approved by the Commission in a Final Order.

Rate Case Drivers

- Capital Investments
 - Approx. \$2.2 Billion between 2024 and 2027
 - Distribution
 - Power Generation
 - Transmission
- Power Supply Expense
 - Operating Expenses at Power Generating Facilities
- Increased Insurance Expense
 - Insurance Premiums
- Increased Labor Expense
 - Annual Pay Increases

Revenue Requirement

- Total Amount of Money a Regulated Utility Must Collect to:
 - Recover all prudently incurred:
 - Operating Expenses
 - Taxes
 - Insurance
 - Labor
 - Depreciation Expense
 - Etc.
 - Return on Rate Base (Capital Expenditures)
 - Cost of Debt
 - Return on Equity (Shareholder Supplied Capital)

Review Process & Final Order

Review Process

Review Process

- Staff & Other Parties:
 - Examine All Requests made by the Company
 - Review The Application
 - Ask Written Questions to the Company, "Production Requests"
 - On-Site Audit

Final Order

Recommendations & Approved Rate Changes

- Staff & Other Parties
 - Recommend Rate Changes Based Upon Evidence Provided
- Final Approved Rate Change
 - The Commissioners Examine All Evidence of the Company & Other Parties To The Case
 - Issue a Final Order, Which Establishes Rate Changes

*The Final Order must take into consideration all evidence and analysis provided by the Company & Other Parties. The Company must be able to recover all prudently incurred costs, which contribute to providing safe & reliable service to customers

Rate Proposal

Kimberly Loskot
Utilities Analyst

Electric Rate Proposal

Year 1 Proposed rate change, effective September 1, 2025

Year 2 Proposed rate change, effective September 1, 2026

Customer class	Proposed 2025 Billing Change	Proposed 2026 Billing Change
Residential - Schedule 1	14.7%	5.3%
General Service – Schedules 11 & 12	14.2%	5.1%
Large General Service – Schedules 21 & 22	14.1%	5.1%
Extra Large General Service – Schedule 25	14.3%	5.2%
Extra Large General Service – Schedule 25P	14.4%	5.2%
Pumping Service – Schedules 31 & 32	14.1%	5.1%
Street & Area Lights – Schedules 41-49	13.4%	4.9%
Overall	14.4%	5.2%

Company Proposal

Residential Schedule 1 Rates

	Current Bill	Year 1	Year 2
Customer Charge	\$20	\$25	\$30
kWh Charge: 0-600 kWh	\$ 0.08569	\$ 0.09625	\$ 0.09763
kWh Charge: Above 600 kWh	\$ 0.09703	\$ 0.10889	\$ 0.11044

Electricity Bill Impacts: Residential Schedule 1 Customers

	Bill Amounts			Percentage Changes (From Prior Year)	
Usage (kWh)	Present	Year 1	Year 2	Year 1	Year 2
300	\$45.71	\$53.88	\$59.29	17.9%	10.0%
600	\$71.41	\$82.75	\$88.58	15.9%	7.0%
939**	\$104.31	\$119.66	\$126.02	14.7%	5.3%
1,200	\$129.63	\$148.08	\$154.84	14.2%	4.6%
1,500	\$158.74	\$180.75	\$187.97	13.9%	4.0%
1,800	\$187.85	\$213.42	\$221.11	13.6%	3.6%
2,100	\$216.96	\$246.09	\$254.24	13.4%	3.3%

**** Average Monthly Usage**

Other Proposals for Electric Customers

Proposing two new line items on customer bills:

- Insurance Cost Adjustment
- Wildfire Rate Adjustment

* Staff is evaluating the Company's proposals and will be making recommendations to the Commission.

Natural Gas Rate Proposal

Year 1 Proposed rate change, effective September 1, 2025

Year 2 Proposed rate change, effective September 1, 2026

Customer class	Year 1	Year 2
General Service – Schedule 101	10.3%	1.3%
Large General Service – Schedules 111 & 112	10.3%	0%
Transportation Service – Schedule 146	10.3%	0%
Overall	10.3%	1.0%

Company Proposal

General Service Schedule 101 Rates

	Current Bill	Year 1	Year 2
Customer Charge	\$20	\$20	\$20
Therm Charge	\$ 0.61558	\$ 0.71088	\$ 0.72426

Natural Gas Bill Impacts: General Service Schedule 101 Customers

	Bill Amounts			Percentage Changes (From Prior Year)	
Usage (Therms)	Present	Year 1	Year 2	Year 1	Year 2
30	\$ 38.47	\$ 41.33	\$ 41.73	7.4%	1.0%
66**	\$ 60.63	\$ 66.92	\$ 67.80	10.4%	1.3%
90	\$ 75.40	\$ 83.98	\$ 85.18	11.4%	1.4%
120	\$ 93.87	\$ 105.31	\$ 106.91	12.2%	1.5%
150	\$ 112.34	\$ 126.63	\$ 128.64	12.7%	1.6%

****Average Monthly Usage**

Consumer Assistance

Jolene Bossard
Utilities Compliance Investigator

Consumer Assistance

- Utility Compliance Investigators assist customers to resolve issues and/or disputes with the Company.
- Investigators monitor compliance with laws, commission rules, and the Company tariff.
- Represent consumer interests when staff is developing a position in a case
- In a rate case, investigators review issues from previous cases, review previous complaints, review submitted comments from customers, and investigate consumer issues raised in the case.

Consumer Issues

As of this week, the PUC has received 87 Customer Comments

- Majority against the proposal
- Concerns with the economy and the high proposed average increase
- Opposed shift to fixed month charge for cost recovery / big impact to low-income customers
- Company needs to cut costs and increase efficiency

Customer Comments

Customer written comments are due TBD
(Reference Case No. **AVU-E-25-01** or **AVU-G-25-01**)

- Internet Website Address – puc.idaho.gov
- Online - Case Comment Form (once comments are submitted, they become part of public record)
- Email – Address: secretary@puc.idaho.gov
- Mail – IPUC, PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0074
- Public Customer Hearing – TBD, 2025

COMMENTS ONLY
(QUESTIONS WILL NOT BE ADDRESSED)

Idaho Public Utilities Homepage

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission. At the top, the logo "IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION" is displayed against a background of power lines. A search bar with the text "ENHANCED BY Google" is located in the top right corner. Below the header is a navigation menu with links: Home, Cases, File Room, Laws & Rules, Consumers, Press Releases, About us, and Contact us. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains a vertical list of links: Case Comment Form (highlighted with a yellow arrow), Annual Gross Intrastate Revenues Report Form, Electric, Telecom, Water, Natural Gas, Rail Safety, Pipeline Safety, Multi-Utility, and Tariff Advice. The right column features a "News Updates" section with a list of recent events, a "Wildfire Safety Resources" section, and an "eFile Portal" button. A red arrow points to the scrollbar of the News Updates section. Below the eFile Portal button, there is a note about utility representatives using passcodes and a link to the eFile Portal Registration Form. At the bottom left, there is a "Consumers" section with links to Consumer Complaint / Inquiry Form, Frequently Asked Questions, Consumer Resources, and Why Can't You Tell Them No.

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Wildfire Safety Resources

Utility representatives may use their passcode to electronically file.

eFile Portal

Use the [eFile Portal Registration Form](#) if you are a representative of a utility and need a passcode to submit documents.

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Case Comments Form Page

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Use this form to **file a comment** or **ask a question about a utility case** pending before the Commission. If you know the case number, please include it.

Submit electronically below or send in to:

Idaho Public Utilities Commission
P O Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720-0074
FAX: (208) 334-3762

Use the [Consumer Complaint / Inquiry Form](#) if you need help resolving a problem with a utility or have a question about your bill, disconnection of service, service reliability and outages, cost of a line extension, customer service, or other issues that are not related to a utility case.

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Case Number:

First Name:

Last Name:

Address:

City

State

ID

Zip

Daytime Phone:

Email:

Utility Company:

I am interested in attending an online workshop or potentially an in-person workshop.

☐ Yes, I am interested. ☐ No thanks.

I am interested in attending a customer hearing to give testimony (verbal comments) for the record on this case.

☐ Yes, I am interested. ☐ No thanks.

I acknowledge that submitting a comment in an open case constitutes a public record under Idaho Code § 74-101 (13) and all information provided by me on this form is available for public and media inspection. My comment may be reviewed by the utility.

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[Western Interstate Energy Board \(WIEB\)](#)

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Orders & Notices

[Commission Order No. 36390 - Interest Rate on Consumer Deposits](#)

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AVU-E-25-01	AVISTA UTILITIES, INC	AVISTA -- GENERAL RATE CASE
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Case Summary

Last Updated	Case Number	Date Filed	Case Type	Status	Description
11/26/2024	AVU-E-25-01	11/25/2024	Application	Notice Received	AVISTA -- GENERAL RATE CASE

Case Files

11/25/2024 [NOTICE OF INTENT.PDF](#)
01/31/2025 [APPLICATION.PDF](#)
01/31/2025 [COVER LETTER.PDF](#)

Public Comments

02/03/2025 [COMMENTS_13.PDF](#)
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Where do we go from here?

- Customers can subscribe to the Commission's RSS feed to receive updates about all water cases via email.
- Continue submitting your comments.
- Public Customer Hearing, date is **TBD, 2025**.
- The Commission will issue a final order which will close the case.

**You can find case information and
file comments on the PUC website:**

puc.idaho.gov

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