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# Idaho Public Utilities Commission

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Brad Little, Governor

Edward Lodge, President  
John R. Hammond, Jr., Commissioner  
Dayn Hardie, Commissioner

December 1, 2025

The Honorable Brad Little  
Governor of Idaho  
Statehouse  
Boise, ID 83720-0034

Dear Governor Little:

It is our distinct pleasure to submit to you, in accordance with Idaho Code §61-214, the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's 2025 Annual Report. This report is a detailed description of the most significant cases, decisions, and other activities during 2025. The financial report on page six is a summary of the Commission's budget through the conclusion of Fiscal Year 2025, which ended June 30, 2025.

It has been a privilege and honor serving the people of Idaho this past year.

Sincerely,

Edward Lodge  
President, Idaho Public Utilities Commission

John R. Hammond, Jr.  
Commissioner

Dayn Hardie  
Commissioner

# COMMISSIONERS



**Commissioner President Edward Lodge** was appointed to his first six-year term with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission by Governor Brad Little in February of 2023.

Before joining the Commission, Lodge served as a Policy Assistant and Communications Director under Governor Philip Batt (1994-1998), Special Assistant to Governor Dirk Kempthorne (1999), and as Government Affairs Specialist for Connolly and Smyser, Chartered (1999-2004). Lodge also served as Director of Government and Regulatory Affairs for Qwest/CenturyLink (2004-2020).

Commissioner Lodge serves on the National Association of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners (NARUC) Board of Directors, the Committee on Gas, Board of the Financial Research Institute and Co-Chair of Commission Chairs Council.

Lodge received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Management and Organizational Leadership from George Fox University in 2005 as well as a Master of Business Administration degree from George Fox University in 2008.

Commissioner Lodge serves as President of Lodge Cattle Company and sits on the Executive Board for Caldwell Night Rodeo, and the Caldwell Night Rodeo Foundation.



**Commissioner John R. Hammond, Jr.** was appointed to his first term with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission by Governor Brad Little in January of 2022.

Prior to being appointed to the Commission, John worked for the Idaho Office of the Attorney General as a Deputy Attorney General and later as the Commission's lead Deputy Attorney General. During his career, John was a partner at Fisher Pusch LLP in Boise. Prior to this John served as a law clerk to the Hon. Terry L. Myers, United States Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Idaho and as the pro se law clerk to the Federal District Court for the District of Idaho.

Commissioner Hammond serves on the Board of Directors for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioner (NARUC) and is currently the Chair of the Committee on Electricity for that organization. Commissioner Hammond is the Vice Chair of the Body of State Regulators for the Western Interstate Energy Board and the Vice Chair of the SIIPP Markets+ States Committee. Commissioner Hammond is also on the Advisory Councils of the Energy Policy Research Institute and New Mexico

State University Center for Public Utilities. Commissioner Hammond is also a member of the Government Lawyers Section of the Idaho State Bar. Lastly, separate from this Commission responsibilities Commissioner Hammond servers on the Board of Directors for the Idaho Rush Soccer Club in, Boise, Idaho.

John earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Idaho and his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Idaho School of Law.



**Commissioner Dayn Hardie** was appointed to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission by Governor Brad Little in January 2025.

Before his appointment, Dayn served the Idaho Public Utilities Commission as a Deputy Attorney General and subsequently as its lead Deputy Attorney General. He began his legal career in private practice in eastern Oregon before transitioning to public service in Idaho.

Mr. Hardie holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Economics from Eastern Oregon University, as well as a Juris Doctor and Master of Business Administration from the University of Oregon.

# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

## Fiscal Years 2021 – 2025

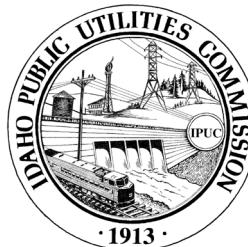
### Financial Summary - Fund 0229

\*This summary represents assessment funded expenses only. It does not include federal or other funds.

Description	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Personnel Costs	3,356,200	3,618,600	4,205,800	4,524,000	4,779,800
Communication Costs	26,000	53,500	25,800	29,800	25,700
Employee Development Costs	41,600	64,300	88,100	78,600	94,100
Professional Services	17,600	47,000	55,500	12,000	13,700
Legal Fees	524,500	595,500	603,400	481,800	625,500
Employee Travel Costs	17,000	164,300	234,000	232,600	172,400
Fuel & Lubricants	3,400	5,800	7,500	7,900	3,400
Insurance	7,800	8,600	7,700	3,200	12,600
Rentals & Leases	250,500	250,500	281,000	251,700	311,700
Misc. Expenditures	241,400	143,800	201,700	276,900	286,500
Computer Equipment	89,500	14,000	11,800	27,500	26,100
Office Equipment Motorized/Non-Motorized Equip	2,200	5,400	2,900	11,200	0
Specific Use Equipment	-	-	1,500	700	0
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>4,636,900</b>	<b>4,972,800</b>	<b>5,726,400</b>	<b>5,980,300</b>	<b>6,351,500</b>
<b>Fund 0229-20 Appropriation</b>	<b>5,998,300</b>	<b>6,148,500</b>	<b>6,418,500</b>	<b>6,593,600</b>	<b>6,407,092</b>
<b>Fund 0229-20 Encumbrances</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>11,400</b>	<b>14,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>667</b>
<b>Unexpended Balance</b>	<b>1,359,700</b>	<b>1,164,300</b>	<b>678,100</b>	<b>603,300</b>	<b>54,925</b>

# COMMISSION STRUCTURE & OPERATIONS

Under state law, the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (“Commission or IPUC”) supervises and regulates Idaho’s investor-owned utilities – electric, gas, telecommunications, and water – assuring adequate service and affixing just, reasonable and sufficient rates.



The Commission does not regulate publicly owned, municipal, or cooperative utilities.

The Governor appoints the three Commissioners with confirmation by the Idaho Senate. No more than two Commissioners may be of the same political party. The Commissioners serve staggered six-year terms.

The Governor may remove a Commissioner before his/her term has expired for dereliction of duty, corruption or incompetence.

The three-member Commission was established by the 12th Session of the Idaho Legislature and was organized May 8, 1913, as the Public Utilities Commission of the State of Idaho. In 1951 it was reorganized as the Idaho Public Utilities Commission. Statutory authorities for the Commission are established in Idaho Code Titles 61 and 62.

The Commission has quasi-legislative, quasi-judicial, and executive powers and duties.

In its quasi-legislative capacity, the Commission sets rates and makes rules governing utility operations. In its quasi-judicial mode, the Commission hears and decides complaints, issues written orders that are similar to court orders and may have its decisions appealed to the Idaho Supreme Court. In its executive capacity, the Commission enforces state laws and rules affecting public utilities and the rail industry.



Commission operations are funded by fees assessed on the utilities and railroads it regulates. Annual assessments are set by the Commission each year in April within limits set by Idaho law.

The Commission president is its chief executive officer. Commissioners meet on the first Monday in April in odd-numbered years to elect one of their own to a two-year term as president. The president signs contracts on the Commission’s behalf, is the final authority in personnel matters and handles other administrative tasks. Chairmanship of individual cases is rotated among all three Commissioners.

The Commission conducts its business in two types of meetings – **hearings** and **decision meetings**. Decision meetings are typically held once a week, usually on Tuesday.

Formal **hearings** are held on a case-by-case basis, sometimes in the service area of the impacted utility and its customers. These hearings resemble judicial proceedings and are recorded and transcribed by a court reporter.

There are **technical hearings** and **customer hearings**. At technical hearings, formal parties who have been granted “intervenor status” present testimony and evidence, subject to cross-examination by attorneys from the other parties, Commission Staff attorneys and the Commissioners. At customer hearings, members of the public may testify before the Commission.



**IPUC hearing room**

In 2009, the Commission began conducting **telephonic public hearings** on a case-by-case basis to save expense and allow customers to listen from the comfort of their own homes. Commissioners and other interested parties gather in the hearing room and are telephonically connected to ratepayers who call in on a toll-free line to provide testimony or listen in. A court reporter is present to take testimony. Commissioners and attorneys may also direct questions to those testifying.

The Commission also conducts regular **decision meetings** to consider issues on an agenda prepared by the Commission Secretary and posted in advance of the meeting. These meetings are usually held Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m., although by law the Commission is required to meet only once a month. Members of the public are welcome to attend decision meetings.

**Decision meetings** consist of the Commission’s review of decision memoranda prepared by Commission Staff (“Staff”). Minutes of the meetings are taken. Decisions reached at these meetings may be either final or preliminary, but subsequently become final when the Commission issues a written order signed by a majority of the Commission. Under the Idaho Open Meeting Law, Commissioners may also privately deliberate fully submitted matters.



**IPUC headquarters 11331 W. Chinden Blvd.  
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# COMMISSION STAFF

To help ensure its decisions are fair and workable, the Commission employs a Staff of about 55 people – engineers, utility analysts, attorneys, auditors, investigators, economists, secretaries, and other support personnel. The Staff is organized in three divisions – administration, legal and utilities.

## OUR MISSION

- **Determine fair, just, and reasonable rates and utility practices for electric, gas, telephone, and water consumers.**
- **Ensure that delivery of utility services is safe, reliable, and efficient.**
- **Ensure safe operation of pipelines and rail carriers within the state.**

## ADMINISTRATOR

The Administrator of the IPUC provides strategic leadership and operational oversight for the agency's Administration Division, Utilities Division, and Commission Secretary. This role serves as a key partner to the Commission's Deputy Administrators and reports directly to the Commissioners, guiding legislative initiatives, managing public and stakeholder engagement, and directing internal policies and performance. The Administrator leads efforts in staffing, organizational development, compliance, and risk mitigation. Oversees agency financial functions including budgeting, performance tracking, and fiscal compliance. This position acts as one of the Commission's primary liaisons to the legislature, utilities, state agencies, and the public.

### **Contact Taylor Thomas, Administrator, (208) 334-0363**

The Commission Secretary, a post established by Idaho law, keeps a precise public record of all Commission proceedings. The Commission Secretary issues notices, orders and other documents to the proper parties and is the official custodian of documents issued by and filed with the Commission. Most of these documents are public records.

### **Contact Monica Barrios-Sanchez, Commission Secretary, (208) 334-0338**

## ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

The Administrative Division is responsible for coordinating overall IPUC activities and overseeing the Pipeline Safety program and a Rail Section. The Division includes a Deputy Administrator, Policy Strategist, Public Information Officer, a Pipeline Safety program team, Rail Safety section, fiscal team, and administrative support personnel.

### **Contact Chris McEwan, Deputy Division Administrator, (208) 334-0368**

The Policy Strategists are executive level positions reporting to the Commissioners with policy and technical consultation and research support regarding major regulatory issues in the areas of electricity, telecommunications, water, and natural gas. The Policy Strategists are also charged with developing comprehensive policy strategy, providing assistance and advice on major issues before the Commission, public agencies, and organizations.

### **Contact Stephen Goodson, Policy Strategist, (208) 334-0323**

The Public Information Officer is responsible for public communication between the Commission, the general public and interfacing governmental offices. The responsibility includes news releases, responses to public inquiries, coordinating and facilitating Commission workshops and public hearings.

**Contact Adam Rush, Public Information Officer, (208) 334-0339**

The Pipeline Safety section oversees the safe operation of the intrastate natural gas pipelines in Idaho.

The Commission's pipeline safety personnel verify compliance with state and federal regulations by performing on-site inspections of intrastate pipeline distribution, gathering and transmission systems. Part of the inspection process includes a review of record-keeping practices and compliance with design, construction, operation, maintenance and drug/alcohol abuse regulations.

Key objectives of the program are to monitor accidents and violations, to identify their contributing factors and to implement practices to avoid accidents. All reportable accidents are investigated and appropriate reports filed with the U.S. Department of Transportation in a timely manner.

**Contact Jeff Brooks, Pipeline Safety Program Manager, (208) 334-0333**

The Railroad Safety section oversees the safe operations of railroads that move freight in and through Idaho and enforces state and federal regulations safeguarding the transportation of hazardous materials by rail in Idaho. The Commission's rail safety specialists inspect railroad crossings and rail clearances for safety and maintenance deficiencies. The Rail Safety section helps investigate all railroad-crossing accidents and makes recommendations for safety improvements to crossings.

As part of its regulatory authority, the Commission evaluates the discontinuance and abandonment of railroad service in Idaho by conducting an independent evaluation of each case to determine whether the abandonment of a particular railroad line would adversely affect Idaho shippers and whether the line has any profit potential. Should the Commission determine abandonment would be harmful to Idaho interests, it then represents the state before the federal Surface Transportation Board, which has authority to grant or deny line abandonments.

**Contact Mike Mitchell, Rail Inspector, (208) 334-0317**

## **LEGAL DIVISION**

Four deputy attorneys general are assigned to the Commission from the Idaho Office of the Attorney General and have offices at IPUC headquarters. The deputy attorneys general represent the Staff in all matters before the Commission, working closely with Staff auditors, engineers, investigators, and utility analysts as they develop their recommendations for cases and proceedings.

In the hearing room, the deputy attorneys general help coordinate the presentation of the Staff's case and cross-examine other parties who submit testimony. The deputy attorneys general also represent the Commission itself in state and federal courts and before other state or federal regulatory agencies.

**Contact Keri Hawker, Legal Administration Support, (208) 334-0324**

## **UTILITIES DIVISION**

The Utilities Division also known as Staff, is responsible for technical analysis of utility matters before the Commission, is divided into four sections; Audit, Engineering, Technical Analysis, Telecommunications, Consumer Assistance.

The Staff analyzes each petition, complaint, rate change request or application for an operating certificate received by the Commission. In formal proceedings before the Commission, the Staff acts as a party in every case, presenting

its own testimony, evidence and expert witnesses. The Commission considers Staff recommendations along with those of other participants in each case - including utilities, public, agricultural, industrial, business and consumer groups.

**Contact [Donn English, Deputy Division Administrator, \(208\) 334-0362](#)**

The Audit section of six auditors and one program manager audits utility books and records to verify reported revenue, expenses and compliance with Commission orders. Staff auditors present the results of their findings in audit reports as well as in formal testimony and exhibits. When a utility requests a rate increase, cost-of-capital studies are performed to determine a recommended rate of return. Revenues, expenses and investments are analyzed to determine the amount needed for the utility to earn the recommended return on its investment.

**Contact [Travis Culbertson, Accounting Section Program Manager, \(208\) 334-0375](#)**

The Engineering section of two engineers, three utility analysts, and one program manager reviews the physical operations of utilities. The Staff of engineers and analysts analyzes computer models of utility operations and compares alternative costs to repair, replace and acquire facilities to serve utility customers. The group establishes the price of acquiring cogeneration and renewable generation facilities, ensures the resources the Company acquires to serve customers are prudent, identifies the cost of serving various types of customers, evaluate the adequacy of utility services, and frequently help resolve customer complaints.

**Contact [Mike Louis, Engineering Section Program Manager, \(208\) 334-0316](#)**

The Technical Analysis section of four utility analysts and one program manager determines the cost effectiveness of all Demand Side Management ("DSM") programs including energy efficiency and demand response. They identify potential for new DSM programs and track the impact on utility revenues. They review utility forecasts of energy, water, and natural gas usage with focus on residential self-generation and rate design.

**Contact [Jason Talford, Technical Analysis Program Manager, \(208\) 334-0315](#)**

The Telecommunications section oversees tariff and price list filings, area code oversight, Idaho Universal Service Fund, Idaho Telecommunications Service Assistance Program, Telephone Relay Service, and Lifeline. They assist and advise the Commission on technical matters that include advanced services, 911 and other matters as requested.

The Consumer Assistance section includes four division investigators and one program manager who resolve conflicts between utilities and their customers. Consumer Assistance may mediate disputes over billing, deposits, line extensions and other service problems. Consumer Assistance monitors Idaho utilities to verify they are complying with Commission orders and regulations. Investigators participate in general rate and policy cases when rate design and customer service issues are brought before the Commission.

**Contact [Allison Moore, Consumer Assistance/Telecommunications Program Manager, \(208\) 334-0352](#)**

# WHY CAN'T YOU JUST TELL THEM NO?

One of the most frequently asked questions the Commission receives after a utility files a rate increase application is, “**Why can't you just tell them no?**” Actually, we can, but not without evidence.

For more than 100 years, public utility regulation has been based on this **regulatory compact** between utilities and regulators: Regulated utilities agree to invest in the generation, transmission, and distribution necessary to adequately and reliably serve all the customers in their assigned territories. In return for that promise to serve, utilities are guaranteed recovery of their prudently incurred expenses along with an opportunity to earn a reasonable rate of return. The rate of return allowed must be high enough to attract investors for the utility's capital-intensive generation, transmission, and distribution projects, but not so high as to be unreasonable for customers.

In setting rates, the Commission must consider the needs of both the utility and its customers. The Commission serves the public interest, not the popular will. It is not in customers' best interest, nor is it in the interest of the State of Idaho, to have utilities that do not have the generation, transmission, and distribution infrastructure to be able to provide safe, adequate and reliable electrical, natural gas and water service. This is a critical, even life-saving, service for Idaho's citizens and essential to the state's economic development and prosperity.

Unlike unregulated businesses, utilities cannot cut back on service as costs increase. As demand for electricity, natural gas and water grows, utilities are statutorily required to meet that demand. In Idaho recently, and across the nation, a continued increase in demand as well as a number of other factors have contributed to rate increases on a scale we have not witnessed before. It is not unusual now for Idaho's three major investor-owned electric utilities to file annual rate increase requests. In light of these continued requests for rate increases, the Commission walks a fine line in balancing the needs of utilities to serve customers and customers' ability to pay.

When a rate case is filed, our staff of auditors, engineers and attorneys will take up to six months to examine the request. During that period, other parties, often representing customer groups, will “intervene” in the case for the purpose of conducting discovery, presenting evidence, and cross-examining the company and other parties to the case. The Staff, which operates independently of the Commission, will also file its own comments that result from its investigation of the company's request. The three-member Commission will also conduct technical and public hearings.

Once testimony from a utility, Staff, and intervening parties is presented and testimony from hearings and written comments is taken, all of that information is included in the official record for the case. It is only from the evidence contained in this official record that the Commission can render a decision.

If the utility has met its burden of proof in demonstrating that the additional expense it incurred was 1) **necessary** to serve customers and 2) **prudently incurred**, the Commission must allow the utility to recover that expense. The Commission can -- and often does -- deny recovery of some or all the expense utilities seek to recover from customers if the Commission is confident, it has the legal justification to do so. Utilities and parties to a rate case have the right to petition the Commission for reconsideration. Following reconsideration, utilities or customer groups can appeal the Commission's decision to the Idaho Supreme Court. In the end, the Commission's job is to ensure that customers are paying a reasonable rate and are receiving adequate and reliable service and that utilities are allowed to recover their prudently incurred expenses and earn a fair rate of return.

# ELECTRIC



## Avista Utilities\*

2024 Average Number of Customers/Avg. Revenue/kWh\*\*

**371,076 Residential Customers/\$0.11784**

**45,794 Commercial Customers/\$0.11655**

**1,175 Industrial Customers/\$0.08171**



## Idaho Power Company

2024 Average Number of Customers/Avg. Revenue/kWh\*\*

**525,911 Residential Customers/\$0.1176**

**94,451 Commercial Customers/\$0.0935**

**132 Industrial Customers/\$0.0723**



## Rocky Mountain Power

2024 Average Number of Customers/Avg. Revenue/kWh\*\*

**74,945 Residential Customers/\$0.1198**

**11,434 Commercial Customers/\$0.1017**

**5,939 Industrial Customers/\$0.0821**

\*INCLUDES BOTH IDAHO AND WASHINGTON CUSTOMERS.

\*\* THE INFORMATION ABOVE SHOWS EACH REGULATED ELECTRIC UTILITY'S AVERAGE NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS PER CUSTOMER CLASS AND THE AVERAGE REVENUE PER KILOWATT-HOUR ("kWh") FOR 2024.

# Electric Press Releases from the Commission for the Fiscal Year 2025

## Avista Utilities

### Commission sets intervenor participation deadline in electric and natural gas utility's rate cases.

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has set a March 12 intervenor deadline to participate in natural gas and electric rate cases filed by Avista Utilities.

Avista is seeking commission approval to increase the rates it charges to offer natural gas and electric service. Intervenors in a case are allowed to participate in the proceedings for applications submitted to the commission.

Avista is proposing to increase the electric rate for residential customers who use an average of 939 kilowatt hours per month by 14.7 percent. This represents an increase of \$15.36 per month. Customers using an average of 939 kilowatt hours per month would see their bills increase from \$104.30 to \$119.66. The utility also is proposing to increase the basic charge to \$25.00 per month, up from \$20.00 per month. Avista is asking that the rate change begin on Sept. 1, 2025.

The utility also is seeking approval for a rate increase beginning Sept. 1, 2026. If approved, electric residential customers using an average of 939 kilowatt hours per month would see an increase of 5.3 percent, or \$6.36, for a monthly bill of \$126.02. This is an increase from \$119.66 per month. The utility also is proposing an increase of \$5 per month in the basic charge, bringing it to \$30.00 per month.

In a separate case, the utility is seeking approval to increase the rate it charges for natural gas service. If the case is approved as filed, residential natural gas customers using an average of 66 therms per month would see an increase of 10.4 percent, or \$6.29, for a monthly bill of \$66.92. This is an increase from \$60.63. Avista is proposing that the increase begin on Sept. 1, 2025. The utility also is seeking an increase that would begin on Sept. 1, 2026. If approved by the commission, residential natural gas customers using an average of 66 therms per month would see an increase of 1.3 percent, or \$0.88. The monthly bill would increase to \$67.80, up from \$66.92.

The utility said it is seeking the rate increases to pay for an increase in net plant investment. It said it also saw an increase in costs for distribution, operation, maintenance, administrative and general expenses for electric and natural gas operations.

The commission can approve, deny or modify the applications.

### Commission is accepting written comments on electric utility's integrated resource plan.

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has opened a public comment period on Avista Utilities' electric integrated resource plan ("IRP").

The 2025 IRP outlines and analyzes the utility's strategy for meeting customers' projected needs. The IRP is filed every two years and is used by Avista to guide the acquisition of resources. The utility said the plan analyzes different energy resources such as wind, solar, plant upgrades, energy storage, natural gas and energy efficiency to determine the best mix of resources. Those resources are intended to provide a reliable and affordable energy supply, the utility said.

The plan also includes information on how much customer energy demand is expected to grow and how much fuel sources such as natural gas contribute to generating capability, among other items.

## **Commission schedules online workshops, technical hearing for utility's application to increase rates for electric and natural gas service.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has scheduled online workshops and a technical hearing for an application submitted by Avista Utilities to increase the rates it charges for electric and natural gas service.

The utility is proposing to increase the electric rate for residential customers who use an average of 939 kilowatt hours per month by 14.7 percent. This represents an increase of \$15.36 per month. Customers using an average of 939 kilowatt hours per month would see their bills increase from \$104.30 to \$119.66. The utility also is proposing to increase the basic charge to \$25.00 per month, up from \$20.00 per month. Avista is asking that the rate change begin on Sept. 1, 2025.

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The commission can approve, deny or modify the application.

The workshops will be held on May 14 and May 15. Commission staff will present an overview of the application and answer customer questions. The May 14 workshop will begin at 6:00 p.m. (PDT) and conclude at 9:00 p.m. or until all customer questions have been answered, whichever comes first. The May 15 workshop will begin at 12:00 p.m. (PDT) and conclude at 3:00 p.m. or until all customer questions have been answered, whichever comes first.

To participate in the May 14 workshop, please visit [idahogov.webex.com](https://idahogov.webex.com), and enter meeting number 2632 014 9728 (no spaces between numbers). Then, click on the green "Join" button. At the next window, please enter this password: Avista. Next, please click on the green "Join Webinar" button. At the next window, please enter your name and e-mail address, and then click on the "Next" button. Then click on the green "Join Webinar" button.

To participate over the phone, please call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2632 014 9728 when prompted.

To participate in the May 15 workshop, please visit [idahogov.webex.com](http://idahogov.webex.com), and enter meeting number 2631 125 1172 (no spaces between numbers). Then, click on the green “Join” button. At the next window, please enter this password: Avista. Next, please click on the green “Join Webinar” button. At the next window, please enter your name and e-mail address, and then click on the “Next” button. Then click on the green “Join Webinar” button.

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The commission will hold a technical hearing on Wednesday, July 23. Technical hearings are held when a utility's application may be more significant to customers or present complex issues. Parties to a case cross examine witnesses and submit testimony during these hearings. The hearing will begin at 9:00 a.m. (MDT) and conclude at 5:00 p.m. It will be held at the commission's offices, 11331 W. Chinden Boulevard, Building 8, Suite 201-A, Boise, ID 83714.

Those interested in attending online can do so by visiting [idahogov.webex.com](http://idahogov.webex.com) and entering meeting number 2868 954 8113 (no spaces between numbers). Then, click on the green “Join” button. At the next window, please enter this password: Avista. Next, please click on the green “Join Webinar” button. At the next window, please enter your name and e-mail address, and then click on the “Next” button. Then click on the green “Join Webinar” button.

To participate over the phone, please call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2868 954 8113 when prompted.

If needed, the hearing will continue on July 24. It will begin at 9:00 a.m. (MDT) and conclude at 5:00 p.m. The hearing will be held at the commission's offices, 11331 W. Chinden Boulevard, Building 8, Suite 201-A, Boise, ID 83714.

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## **Commission schedules customer hearing to take testimony on utility's application to increase the rates for electric and natural gas service.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has scheduled a customer hearing to take testimony on an application submitted by Avista Utilities to increase the rates it charges for electric and natural gas service.

The utility is proposing to increase the electric rate for residential customers who use an average of 939 kilowatt hours per month by 14.7 percent. This represents an increase of \$15.36 per month. Customers using an average of 939 kilowatt hours per month would see their bills increase from \$104.30 to \$119.66. The utility also is proposing to increase the basic charge to \$25.00 per month, up from \$20.00 per month. Avista is asking that the rate change begin on Sept. 1, 2025.

The utility also is seeking approval for a rate increase beginning Sept. 1, 2026. If approved, electric residential customers using an average of 939 kilowatt hours per month would see an increase of 5.3 percent, or \$6.36, for a monthly bill of \$126.02. This is an increase from \$119.66 per month. The utility also is proposing an increase of \$5 per month in the basic charge, bringing it to \$30.00 per month.

In the same filing, the utility is seeking approval to increase the rate it charges for natural gas service. If the application is approved as filed, residential natural gas customers using an average of 66 therms per month would see an increase of 10.4 percent, or \$6.29, for a monthly bill of \$66.92. This is an increase from \$60.63. Avista is

proposing that the increase begin on Sept. 1, 2025. The utility also is seeking an increase that would begin on Sept. 1, 2026. If approved by the commission, residential natural gas customers using an average of 66 therms per month would see an increase of 1.3 percent, or \$0.88. The monthly bill would increase to \$67.80, up from \$66.92.

The utility said it is seeking the rate increases to pay for an increase in net plant investment. It said it also saw an increase in costs for distribution, operation, maintenance, administrative and general expenses for electric and natural gas operations.

The commission can approve, deny or modify the application.

**Parties file proposed settlement in northern Idaho utility's application to increase rates. Customer hearing will be held June 25 to take testimony on the proposed settlement.**

On June 9, 2025, Avista Utilities submitted a proposed settlement of its application to increase rates for electric and natural gas service in Idaho.

Avista originally applied for commission approval to increase electric rates for the average residential customer by 14.7 percent, or about \$15.36, beginning Sept. 1, 2025. The utility also proposed increasing the basic charge to \$25.00 per month, up from \$20.00 per month.

The utility also originally sought approval for another electric rate increase beginning Sept. 1, 2026. If approved, electric residential customers using an average of 939 kilowatt hours per month would have seen their monthly bills increase 5.3 percent, or \$6.36, along with another increase of \$5 per month in the basic charge, bringing it to \$30.00 per month.

In the same filing, the utility further sought approval to increase natural gas rates. If approved, the average monthly bill for 66 therms would have risen by 10.4 percent — from \$60.63 to \$66.92 — starting Sept. 1, 2025. A second increase would have followed on Sept. 1, 2026, raising the bill by another 1.3 percent to \$67.80.

However, the utility recently filed a proposed settlement in which it agreed to, among other things, a 6.3 percent increase to base electric rates on Sept. 1, 2025, and a 4.5 percent increase on Sept. 1, 2026, with no additional increase to the basic charge either year. The utility further agreed to a 9.2 percent increase to natural gas rates in 2025, and a .4 percent decrease in 2026. The commission can approve, deny or modify the proposed settlement.

The commission intends to keep the two previously scheduled customer hearings to take customer testimony on the proposed settlement. The first hearing will be held Wednesday, June 25, at the Molstead Library's Todd Lecture Hall at North Idaho College, 875 W. Garden Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814. The purpose of the hearing is to take testimony for the record. It will begin at 4:00 p.m. (PDT) and conclude at 7:00 p.m. or after all customer testimony has been taken, whichever comes first. In-person attendance is required to submit testimony. Those planning to testify are encouraged to arrive at the hearing location by 3:45 p.m. as the hearing will conclude when it appears all customer testimony has been received.

Those interested in listening to the hearing remotely can do so by calling 1-415-655-0001 and entering meeting number 2867 771 5779 when prompted.

The hearing will continue telephonically on Thursday, June 26. It will begin at 12:00 p.m. (PDT) and end at 3:00 p.m. or after all customer testimony has been taken, whichever comes first. Those planning to testify are encouraged to call in by 11:55 a.m. (PDT) as the hearing will conclude when it appears all customer testimony has been received. Those wishing to call in and testify can do so by calling 1-415-655-0001 and entering meeting number 2861 516 9950 when prompted.

## **Commission approves proposed settlement that will change rates for utility's electric and natural gas customers in northern Idaho.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has approved a proposed settlement that will change the rates Avista Utilities charges to provide natural gas and electric service to customers in northern Idaho.

The settlement, approved by the commission on Aug. 29, 2025, will allow Avista to increase base electric revenues by \$19.5 million, or 6.3 percent. The change is effective Sept. 1, 2025. In addition, base revenues will increase by \$14.7 million, or 4.5 percent effective Sept. 1, 2026. Avista will increase natural gas base revenues by \$4.6 million, or 9.2 percent effective Sept. 1, 2025. Natural gas base revenues will decrease by \$0.2 million, or 0.4 percent effective Sept. 1, 2026.

A residential electric customer using an average of 939 kilowatt hours per month will see a 6.7 percent billed increase of \$6.95 per month for a revised monthly bill of \$111.25 effective Sept. 1, 2025. There will be a 4.7 percent billed increase of \$5.22 per month for a revised monthly bill of \$116.47 effective Sept. 1, 2026.

A residential natural gas customer using an average of 66 therms per month will see a billed 6.8 percent increase of \$4.11 per month for a revised monthly bill of \$64.74 effective Sept. 1, 2025. Residential natural gas customers won't see a rate change in 2026.

## **Commission sets intervenor filing deadline in utility's applications on prudence determinations for energy efficiency program expenses.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has set an Oct. 8 deadline for interested parties to file as intervenors in two cases that will determine if expenses Avista Utilities incurred for its 2024 electric and natural gas energy efficiency programs were prudently incurred.

The programs 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 use and costs. The programs are funded by an energy efficiency rider charge on customer bills.

Avista is asking the commission to designate \$17,276,972 in electric energy efficiency program expenses as prudently incurred. The expenses were from Jan. 1, 2024, through Dec. 31, 2024. The utility also is asking the commission to designate \$2,279,817 in natural gas energy efficiency program expenses as prudently incurred. Those expenses also were from Jan. 1, 2024, through Dec. 31, 2024.

Intervenors in a case are allowed to participate in the proceedings for applications filed with the commission.

## **Commission approves northern Idaho electric utility's applications that will increase rates for customers.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has approved four applications submitted by Avista Utilities that will increase the rates it charges to provide electric service to customers.

The utility submitted its annual Fixed Cost Adjustment ("FCA") application, Purchased Cost Adjustment ("PCA") application, Residential Exchange Program application and its Electric Energy Efficiency application.

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, which decouples the utility's revenues from its customers' energy usage. The decoupling removes a utility's incentive to increase sales to increase revenue and profits and encourages energy conservation. Avista asked for approval to change the FCA rate for residential customers from the

rebate rate of \$0.129 per kilowatt-hour to a surcharge rate of \$0.018 per kilowatt-hour. The utility also sought approval to change the rate for non-residential customers from a surcharge rate of \$0.004 per kilowatt-hour to a rate of \$0.058 per kilowatt-hour.

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. Avista sought approval to adjust the PCA rebate rate from \$0.246 to \$0.301 per kilowatt-hour. The utility said the rebate is mainly due to power supply costs that were lower than those included in retail rates because of lower wholesale electric and natural gas prices.

The Residential Exchange Program 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. The benefit the utility will receive beginning in October of 2025 will result in a lower level of benefits. Customers had been receiving a credit of \$0.366 per kilowatt-hour. The commission approved the utility's proposal to change the rate to \$0.233 per kilowatt-hour.

The fourth application involves the energy efficiency rider adjustment rates. Avista is seeking to recover costs associated with energy efficiency services and programs offered to customers. The utility provides customers with financial incentives or rebates for participating in the programs. Avista is facing an underfunded balance because of an unanticipated level of customer participation.

Combined, the four applications will result in an overall monthly bill increase of about \$3.43 for the average residential customer using 939 kilowatt-hours per month. The rates are effective Oct. 1, 2025.

## **Idaho Power**

Customer hearings scheduled for December to take testimony on Idaho Power application to increase rates.

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission will host customer hearings in early December to take testimony on an application from Idaho Power to change the rates it charges customers.

The utility said its application focuses on recovering costs associated with infrastructure investments and labor expenses that were not included in the company's last rate case. If the commission approves the request, the average Idaho residential customer using 950 kilowatt hours per month would see a monthly bill increase of approximately \$7.48. The commission can approve, deny or modify the application.

Those interested in submitting testimony for the record can do so by attending a customer hearing in Twin Falls on Monday, Dec. 2, or on Tuesday, Dec. 3, in Boise.

The Dec. 2 hearing will be held at the Twin Falls American Legion Hall, 447 Seastrom St., Twin Falls, ID 83301. It will begin at 4:00 p.m. (MST) and end at 7:00 p.m. or after all testimony has been taken, whichever comes first. In-person attendance is required to submit testimony. Those interested in listening to the hearing can do so by calling 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2861 889 4514 when prompted.

The hearing in Boise will be held at the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, 11331 W. Chinden Boulevard, Building 8, Suite 201-A, Boise, ID 83714. It will begin at 4:00 p.m. (MST) and conclude at 7:00 p.m. or after all customer testimony has been taken, whichever comes first. In-person attendance is required to submit testimony. Those interested in listening to the hearing can do so by calling 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2869 194 4770 when prompted.

The commission is accepting written comments on Idaho Power's application until Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2024. Comments are required to be filed through the commission's website or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To submit comments using the commission website, please visit [puc.idaho.gov](http://puc.idaho.gov) and click on the "Case Comment Form" link on the upper left side of the page. Please use case number IPC-E-24-07 when filling out the form. The commenter should also include their name and address. If using e-mail, comments are required to be sent to the commission secretary and Idaho Power at the e-mail addresses listed below. Commenters should include their name, address and case number IPC-E-24-07. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the commission and Idaho Power at the addresses listed below. Those submitting comments through the mail are required to include their name, address and case number IPC-E-24-01.

**Technical hearing will be held in December on Idaho Power application to increase rates.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is holding a technical hearing on Dec. 9 regarding an Idaho Power application to increase rates for the electric service it provides to customers.

Technical hearings are held when a utility's application may be more significant to customers or present complex issues. Parties to a case cross examine witnesses and submit testimony during these hearings.

Idaho Power is asking for commission approval to increase rates to recover costs associated with infrastructure investments and labor expenses that were not included in the company's last rate case. If the commission approves the utility's request, an average Idaho residential customer using 950 kilowatt hours per month would see a monthly bill increase of approximately \$7.48. The commission can approve, deny or modify Idaho Power's application.

The technical hearing will begin on Monday, Dec. 9, at 9:00 a.m. (MST) and end at 5:00 p.m. If necessary, the hearing will continue on Dec. 10 at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 5:00 p.m. It will be held at the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, 11331 W. Chinden Blvd., Building 8, Suite 201-A, Boise, ID 83714.

Those interested in listening to or watching testimony and presentations online on Dec. 9 can do so by visiting [idahogov.webex.com](http://idahogov.webex.com) and entering meeting number 2633 702 0605 (no spaces between numbers). Then, click on the green "Join" button. At the next window, please enter this password: IdahoPower. Next, please click on the green "Join Meeting" button. At the next window, please enter your name and e-mail address, then click on the "Next" button. Then click on the green "Join Meeting" button.

There also will be the option to watch testimony and presentations online if the hearing continues on Tuesday, Dec. 10. Those interested in doing so can visit [idahogov.webex.com](http://idahogov.webex.com) and enter meeting number 2633 605 0889 (no spaces between numbers). Then, click on the green "Join" button. At the next window, please enter this password: IdahoPower. Next, please click on the green "Join Meeting" button. At the next window, please enter your name and e-mail address, then click on the "Next" button. Then click on the green "Join Meeting" button.

The commission is accepting written comments on Idaho Power's application until Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2024. Comments are required to be filed through the commission's website or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To submit comments using the commission website, please visit [puc.idaho.gov](http://puc.idaho.gov) and click on the "Case Comment Form" link on the upper left side of the page. Please use case number IPC-E-24-07 when filling out the form. The commenter should also include their name and address. If using e-mail, comments are required to be sent to the commission secretary and Idaho Power at the e-mail addresses listed below. Commenters should include their name, address and case number IPC-E-24-07. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the commission and Idaho Power at the addresses listed below. Those submitting comments through the mail are required to include their name, address and case number IPC-E-24-01.

**Commission approves Idaho Power application that will allow utility to continue involvement with energy efficiency group.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has approved an application submitted by Idaho Power that will allow it to continue participating in the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (“NEEA”) from 2025 through July of 2030.

NEEA is a non-profit organization that works to maximize energy efficiency in the Northwest. Idaho Power is currently a member of the organization, which consists of more than 140 utilities working together on energy efficiency.

In addition to continuing participation in the group, Idaho Power will be allowed to fund its involvement through the Idaho Energy Efficiency Rider. The rider is a monthly surcharge on customers' bills that funds Idaho Power's energy efficiency programs and reduce electricity demand.

### **Commission schedules telephonic hearing on proposed land transfer in Valley County.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission will hold a telephonic public hearing on Jan. 14 to take testimony on an Idaho Power application to transfer 1.07 acres of land.

The land is located in the McCall-Donnelly Transmission Corridor in Valley County. Idaho Power is seeking commission approval to transfer the land to an adjacent landowner for \$1,900. The proposed transfer would allow Idaho Power to reserve the land as an easement if the commission approves the transfer.

The telephonic hearing will begin at 11:00 a.m. (MST). Those interested in submitting testimony can do so by calling 1-415-655-0001 and entering meeting number 2869 447 9165 when prompted.

### **Electric utility submits application seeking approval to defer costs associated with wildfire mitigation.**

Idaho Power has submitted an application to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission asking for approval to defer approximately \$23.2 million in expenses for wildfire mitigation efforts.

The expenses are for operations and maintenance work for new or expanded mitigation efforts. The efforts include enhanced vegetation management, new wildfire mitigation specialists and expanding a contract for standby helicopter service, among other items.

The commission has set a March 27, 2025, deadline to intervene in the utility's application. Intervenors in a case are allowed to participate in the proceedings for applications submitted to the commission.

### **Commission is accepting written comments on proposed natural gas conversion agreement between electric utilities.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is accepting written comments until May 29, 2025, on an application submitted by Idaho Power for approval of a natural gas conversion agreement between it and NV Energy.

The utilities jointly own a coal-fired power plant near Winnemucca, Nevada, that consists of two units. Idaho Power and NV Energy are proposing to convert the units from coal to natural gas by the summer of 2026. Idaho Power said the conversion is the least-cost, least risk option necessary to continue providing reliable, economic service to customers. NV Energy serves customers in Nevada.

Comments are required to be filed through the commission website or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To comment electronically, please visit [puc.idaho.gov](http://puc.idaho.gov) and click on the “Case Comment Form” link on the upper left side of the page. Please use case number IPC-E-25-03 when filling out the form. To comment using e-mail, please send comments to the e-mail addresses listed below and include case number IPC-E-25-03. Commenters are required to include their name and address. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the commission secretary and Idaho Power at the addresses listed below. Commenters are required to include case number IPC-E-25-03 in their correspondence, as well as their name and address.

## Commission schedules workshop, customer hearing and written comment deadline on Idaho Power application to change credit rate for on-site generation customers.

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has scheduled a workshop, customer hearing and written comment deadline regarding an application submitted by Idaho Power to change how customers who installed on-site generation systems receive credit for excess energy they contribute to the utility's grid.

The majority of the on-site generation systems consist of solar panels. Other options include wind or geothermal.

The changes apply to non-legacy customers who were not grandfathered in under a previous credit structure. Non-legacy customers are those who submitted an application to Idaho Power to install an on-site generation system after Dec. 1, 2020. Idaho Power is seeking commission approval to credit customers 14.0598 cents per kilowatt hour for summer on-peak, 1.7682 cents per kilowatt hour for summer off-peak and 0.9540 cents per kilowatt hour for all hours during the non-summer season. The utility is proposing those credit rates from June 1, 2025, through May 31, 2026.

The proposed credit changes would apply to residential, commercial, irrigation and large power customers.

Commission staff are hosting a public workshop on Wednesday, May 7, to present information on Idaho Power's application and answer questions. The workshop will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (MDT) at the commission offices, 11331 W. Chinden Blvd., Building 8, Suite 201-A, Boise, ID 83714.

A customer hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 20, to take testimony for the record. The hearing will be from 4:00 p.m. (MDT) to 7:00 p.m. or until all customer testimony has been received, whichever comes first. It is at the commission offices, 11331 W. Chinden Blvd., Building 8, Suite 201-A, Boise, ID 83714.

Those interested in submitted testimony can do so in-person or telephonically. To submit testimony over the phone, please call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2863 692 2927 when prompted.

To listen to the hearing remotely without submitted testimony, please call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2630 896 6223 when prompted.

The commission is accepting written comments on Idaho Power's application until Thursday, May 15. Comments are required to be filed through the commission website or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To comment electronically, please visit [puc.idaho.gov](http://puc.idaho.gov) and click on the "Case Comment Form" link on the upper left side of the page. Please use case number IPC-E-25-15 when filling out the form. To comment using e-mail, please send comments to the e-mail addresses listed below and include case number IPC-E-25-15. Commenters are required to include their name and address. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the commission secretary and Idaho Power at the addresses listed below. Commenters are required to include case number IPC-E-25-15, as well as their name and address.

## Commission sets written comments deadline in electric utility's application for certificate that is part of energy storage project.

Written comments are being accepted until early May on an Idaho Power application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity that would allow it to proceed with an energy storage project.

The utility is seeking the certificate of public convenience and necessity for two dispatchable battery facilities that would provide 100 megawatts of operating capacity. Dispatchable battery facilities are also known as battery energy storage systems. The storage systems allow an electric utility to better balance supply and demand. They also help when a utility experiences a reduction in energy when sources such as solar or wind drop off.

The commission is accepting written comments until Wednesday, May 7. Comments are required to be filed through the commission website or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To comment electronically, please visit [puc.idaho.gov](http://puc.idaho.gov) and click on the “Case Comment Form” link on the upper left side of the page. Please use case number IPC-E-24-45 when filling out the form. To comment using e-mail, please send comments to the e-mail addresses listed below and include case number IPC-E-24-45. Commenters are required to include their name and address. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the commission secretary and Idaho Power at the addresses listed below. Commenters are required to include case number IPC-E-24-45, as well as their name and address.

### **Commission approves electric utility’s application to revise energy risk management standards.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has approved an application from Idaho Power to revise its Energy Risk Management Standards.

The standards set criteria that allow or prohibit the purchase of electricity and natural gas in futures markets.

The Commission approved the original standards more than two decades ago. Since that time, the utility has become more reliant on gas-fired generation and energy market purchases. Also, the energy markets have evolved, offering more products and longer-term options.

Idaho Power proposed to update the standards in response to these changes.

Risk guidelines are divided into three tiers. Tier One sets policy when future market prices are high. Tier Two sets policy for forecasted energy shortfalls or surpluses. Tier Three sets policy when future market prices are low.

The commission found it reasonable to approve the application to revise the standards because of the changed conditions.

### **Commission approves electric utility’s application to expand residential demand response program.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has approved an application from Idaho Power to expand a program designed to help manage summer electricity demand during times of need.

Idaho Power offers customers an Air Conditioning Cool Credit, which involves connecting a load control device to the customer’s air conditioning unit to cycle the unit during demand response events. Those are events that can involve low hydro generation and high load demands on the utility’s system. The credit is given to the utility’s residential customers in exchange for letting Idaho Power cycle their central air conditioning system when summer demand for energy is high or for other system needs.

In its application to the commission, Idaho Power sought approval to add a Bring Your Own Thermostat option to the Air Conditioning Cool Credit program. This will allow Idaho Power to briefly adjust customers’ smart thermostat settings during high-demand periods.

Customers who want to participate must have a qualified smart thermostat. Idaho Power said it will have a list of utility-approved smart thermostats on its website.

### **Commission schedules technical hearing on Idaho Power application to provide electricity to Micron subsidiary.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission will hold a technical hearing in late October on an application from Idaho Power seeking commission approval of a special contract between the utility and Micron Idaho Semiconductor Manufacturing.

Idaho Power is seeking approval of the contract to provide electric service to a new memory manufacturing fabrication complex. Large power service customers that receive electric service in excess of 20,000 kilowatts are required to make special contract arrangements with Idaho Power. Large power service customers between 10,000 kilowatts and 20,000 kilowatts may optionally take service under a special contract. The contracts are intended to ensure the costs associated with serving the customers are incorporated into the rates they pay.

Technical hearings are held when a utility's application may be more significant to customers or present complex issues. Parties to a case cross examine witnesses and submit testimony during the hearings.

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 28, at the commission's offices, 11331 W. Chinden Blvd., Building 8, Suite 201-A, Boise, ID 83714. It will begin at 9:00 a.m. (MDT) and conclude at 5:00 p.m.

Those interested in attending the hearing online can visit [idahogov.webex.com](http://idahogov.webex.com) and enter meeting number 2630 700 3736 (no spaces between numbers). Then click on the green "Join" button. At the next window, please enter this password: Commission. Next, please click on the green "Join Webinar" button. At the next window, please enter your name and e-mail address, and then click on the "Next" button. Then click on the green "Join Webinar" button.

Those interested in listening over the phone can call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2630 700 3736 when prompted.

## **Commission sets deadline to request intervenor status in electric utility's integrated resource plan.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has set a Sept. 2 deadline for interested parties to apply for intervenor status in Idaho Power's Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP").

The utility submits an IRP to the commission every two years. The plan's primary goals are to identify resources that will allow Idaho Power to reliably serve the growing demand for energy within its service area, ensure its selected preferred portfolio balances cost and risk while following environmental regulations, give equal and balanced treatment to supply-side resources, demand-side measures and transmission resources and involve the public in the planning process.

Idaho Power expects the number of metered customers to increase from the December 2024 level of nearly 648,000 to 867,000 customers by 2045. The utility said that to meet growing demand, the plan includes the addition of 1,445 megawatts of solar, 885 megawatts of battery storage, 700 megawatts of wind, 611 megawatts of converted coal to gas, 550 megawatts of new gas, 344 megawatts of energy efficiency and 20 megawatts of incremental demand response. Idaho Power offers incremental demand response programs that incentivize customers to reduce electricity usage during peak demand periods.

## **Commission schedules meeting dates and written comments deadline for electric utility's application to increase rates.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has scheduled meeting dates and a written comments deadline for Idaho Power Company's application to increase the rates it charges to provide electric service to customers.

The utility is seeking commission approval of an overall rate increase of \$199.1 million, or 13.09 percent. The utility said the increase is needed to fund energy

production and storage resources, grid investments, wildfire resilience, labor and other investments.

If the utility's application is approved as filed, the average residential customer using 900 kilowatt hours per month would see a monthly bill increase of about \$21.66.

Commission staff will hold an online workshop on Friday, Sept. 26, to present an overview of Idaho Power's application and answer questions. The workshop will begin at 6:00 p.m. (MDT) and conclude at 9:00 p.m. or after all questions have been answered, whichever comes first. To participate online, please visit [idahogov.webex.com](http://idahogov.webex.com) and enter meeting number 2861 226 2356 (no spaces between numbers). Then, click on the green "Join" button. At the next window, please enter this password: Commission. Next, please click on the green "Join Webinar" button. At the next window, please enter your name and e-mail address, and then click on the "Next" button. Then click on the green "Join Webinar" button.

To participate over the phone, please call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2861 226 2356 when prompted.

A customer hearing to take testimony for the record will be held on Monday, Oct. 27, at the Twin Falls American Legion, 447 Seastrom St., Twin Falls, ID 83301. It will begin at 4:30 p.m. (MDT) and conclude at 7:30 p.m. or after all customer testimony has been taken, whichever comes first.

A customer hearing to take testimony for the record will be held in Boise on Thursday, Nov. 20. It will be at the commission's office, 11331 W. Chinden Blvd., Building 8, Suite 201-A, Boise, ID 83714. The hearing will begin at 4:30 p.m. (MST) and conclude at 7:30 p.m. or after all customer testimony has been taken, whichever comes first. Those who would like to submit testimony over the phone can call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2869 634 4628 when prompted. Those who would like to listen only can call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2870 376 5372 when prompted.

A technical hearing will be held in early December at the commission's office, 11331 W. Chinden Blvd., Building 8, Suite 201-A, Boise, ID 83714. When a utility's application may be more significant to customers or present complex issues, these hearings are held. Parties to a case cross examine witnesses, submit testimony and exhibits during the hearings. It will begin on Tuesday, Dec. 2, at 9:00 a.m. (MST) and conclude at 5:00 p.m. It will continue if needed on Dec. 3, Dec. 4 and Dec. 5. It will begin at 9:00 a.m. (MST) and end at 5:00 p.m. each day.

Those interested in listening to the hearing or watching online can visit [idahogov.webex.com](http://idahogov.webex.com) and enter meeting number 2633 075 2869 (no spaces between numbers). Then, click on the green "Join" button. At the next window, please enter this password: Commission. Next, please click on the green "Join Webinar" button. At the next window, please enter your name and e-mail address, and then click on the "Next" button. Then click on the green "Join Webinar" button.

To listen only over the phone, please call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2633 075 2869 when prompted. The log-on numbers, call-in numbers and password information will be the same for each day of the hearing.

Written comments on Idaho Power's application are being accepted until Thursday, Nov. 20, 2025. Comments are required to be filed through the commission's website or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To submit comments using the commission website, please visit [puc.idaho.gov](http://puc.idaho.gov) and click on the "Case Comment Form" link on the upper left side of the page. Please use case number IPC-E-25-16 when filling out the form. If using e-mail, comments are required to be sent to the commission secretary and Idaho Power at the e-mail addresses listed below. Commenters are required to include their name, address and case number IPC-E-25-16. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the commission and Idaho Power at the addresses listed below. Those submitting comments through the mail are required to include their name, address and case number IPC-E-25-16.

## **Commission sets written comments deadline on Idaho Power application to update pricing elements for Clean Energy Your Way Construction Program.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has set a mid-October deadline to submit written comments on an application from Idaho Power to update the pricing elements for its Clean Energy Your Way Construction Program.

Under the program, large commercial and industrial customers work with Idaho Power to design, build and manage a new renewable energy resource. The energy resource, when built, allows customers to meet sustainability or carbon reduction goals. Brisbie, Micron Technology and the City of Boise are currently participating in the program.

Previously, the commission directed the utility to update pricing elements for all agreements between Idaho Power and customers who are participating in the program within 30 days of the utility's submission of its Integrated Resource Plan. Idaho Power was directed to do so to ensure rates reflect the most current and accurate data.

The commission is accepting written comments on Idaho Power's application until Oct. 16, 2025. Comments are required to be filed through the commission's website or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To submit comments using the commission website, please visit [puc.idaho.gov](http://puc.idaho.gov) and click on the "Case Comment Form" link on the upper left side of the page. Please use case number IPC-E-25-24 when filling out the form. If using e-mail, comments are required to be sent to the commission secretary and Idaho Power at the e-mail addresses listed below. Commenters are required to include their name, address and case number IPC-E-25-24. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the commission and Idaho Power at the addresses listed below. Those submitting comments through the mail are required to include their name, address and case number IPC-E-25-24.

## **Commission approves electric utility's application to recover costs for relicensing of Snake River dams.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has approved an application from Idaho Power that will allow the utility to recover \$29.7 million in costs associated with the relicensing of the Hells Canyon Complex ("HCC") dams.

The HCC consists of the Brownlee, Oxbow and Hells Canyon dams on a section of the Snake River that forms the border between Idaho and Oregon. The dams are capable of providing 1,167 megawatts of energy for the utility's customers, which is approximately 30 percent of Idaho Power's total generating capacity.

Idaho Power is required to obtain a license from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") to operate the HCC. The relicensing process includes public review and involves several natural resource and environmental agencies. The utility said relicensing work began in 1991, and that it began incurring relicensing costs in 1999. Those costs included paying for habitat improvements and water quality improvements.

The utility's previous license was set to expire on July 31, 2005. Because the company's relicensing application with FERC is pending, it has been operating under annual licenses issued by FERC since July of 2005.

Idaho Power is seeking to recover the relicensing costs as part of a general rate case it filed with the public utilities commission.

## **Commission issues decision on electric utility's application to update export credit rate for on-site generation customers.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has issued a decision on an Idaho Power application to change the export credit rate ("ECR") given to customers who have on-site generation systems that export excess energy to the utility's grid.

The ECR change applies to non-legacy customers who were not grandfathered under a previous credit structure. Non-legacy customers are those who submitted an application to Idaho Power to install an on-site generation system after Dec. 20, 2020. Idaho Power had sought Commission approval to credit customers 14.0598 cents per kilowatt-hour ("kWh") for summer on-peak, 1.7682 cents per kWh for summer off-peak and 0.9540 cents per kWh for all hours during the non-summer season. The utility proposed those credit rates from June 1, 2025, through May 31, 2026.

In its order issued Sept. 30, 2025, the Commission recognized that all customers have faced increases to their average monthly bills over the past 18 months, and the proposed update to the ECR would further affect customers in Schedules 6, 8 and 84. To reduce the impact of the recent changes, the Commission determined that some mitigation for the updated ECR is reasonable.

The Commission decided to limit the change in the avoided energy value to a 40 percent decrease from the current ECR's avoided energy value. The 2025-2026 ECR will be approximately 15.68 cents per kWh for summer on-peak, 3.39 cents per kWh for summer off-peak and 2.90 cents per kWh for all hours during the non-summer season. These values are approximate values until a compliance filing is approved.

The Commission also determined that annual updates to the ECR that are required by a previous Commission order are difficult for non-legacy customers to adjust to and complicate investment decisions for potential future on-site generation customers. The Commission suspended the requirement to update the ECR until 2028.

Idaho Power has been directed to file its next ECR update on April 1, 2028.

## **Commission is accepting written comments on electric utility's 2025 Integrated Resource Plan.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is accepting written comments until mid-November on Idaho Power's 2025 Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP"). The plan examines the utility's projected need for additional electricity during the next 20 years and the resources that will best meet that need.

The utility said demand for electricity is expected to grow significantly during the next 20 years, with its peak load expected to grow by approximately 1,700 megawatts. It also said it expects the number of metered customers to increase from a December of 2024 level of nearly 648,000 customers to 867,000 customers by 2045. The utility said that to meet growing demand, the plan includes the addition of 1,445 megawatts of solar, 885 megawatts of battery storage, 700 megawatts of wind, 611 megawatts of converted coal to natural gas, 550 megawatts of new natural gas, 344 megawatts of energy efficiency and 20 megawatts of incremental demand response. Idaho Power offers incremental demand response programs that incentivize customers to reduce electricity usage during peak demand periods.

The Commission acknowledges the IRP, and does not approve or deny it.

Written comments are being accepted until Nov. 13, 2025. Comments are required to be filed through the Commission website or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To comment electronically, please visit [puc.idaho.gov](http://puc.idaho.gov) and click on the "Case Comment Form" link on the upper left side of the page. Please use case number IPC-E-25-23 when filling out the form. To comment using e-mail, please send comments to the e-mail addresses listed below and include case number IPC-E-25-23. Commenters are required to include their name and address. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the Commission secretary and Idaho Power at the addresses listed below. Commenters are required to include case number IPC-E-25-23, as well as their name and address.

## Commission schedules online workshop, customer hearing on Idaho Power application to receive Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for transmission line project.

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has scheduled an online workshop to share information and a customer hearing to take testimony on an application from Idaho Power to receive a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") for a transmission line project.

The utility is seeking Commission approval to obtain partial ownership and rights to 500 megawatts of northbound capacity on the Southwest Intertie Project – North ("SWIP-North"). SWIP-North is a proposed 500-kilovolt transmission line that would run northward from central Nevada to the Midpoint Substation near Jerome, Idaho. The agreement would allow Idaho Power to import energy from southwest markets and help cover peak energy demand.

A CPCN is required when a utility is seeking to build or operate major projects such as power plants or provide service in a new geographic area.

The online workshop will be Tuesday, Oct. 21. Commission staff will present an overview of Idaho Power's application and answer questions about the application. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. (MDT) and conclude at 9:00 p.m. or after all customer questions have been answered, whichever comes first. To participate online, please visit [idahogov.webex.com](http://idahogov.webex.com) and enter meeting number 2634 094 2860. Next, click on the green "Join" button. At the next window, please enter this password: Commission. Then click on the green "Join Webinar" button. At the next window, please enter your name and e-mail address and click on the "Next" button. Then click on the green "Join Webinar" button.

To participate over the phone, please call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2634 094 2860 when prompted.

The customer hearing will be held on Thursday, Oct. 23, to take testimony for the record. It will begin at 4:00 p.m. (MDT) and conclude at 7:00 p.m. or after all testimony has been received, whichever comes first. It will be held at the American Legion, 447 Seastrom St., Twin Falls, ID 83301. Those planning on testifying are encouraged to arrive at the American Legion by 3:45 p.m. as the hearing will conclude when it appears all testimony has been received. In-person attendance is required to submit testimony.

Those interested in listening to the hearing remotely can call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2634 997 4454 when prompted.

## Commission vacates customer hearing and testimony deadlines in electric utility's general rate case.

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has vacated a customer hearing and testimony deadlines for an application Idaho Power submitted to increase the rates it charges to provide electric service to customers.

The customer hearing and testimony deadlines were vacated in an order the Commission issued on Oct. 17, 2025, to allow parties to the case to work on a proposed settlement. Because the proposed settlement has not been filed, the Commission will not set a deadline for testimony in support of the proposed settlement or a new customer hearing date at this time. The Commission will revisit the procedural schedule for Idaho Power's application at a later date.

The customer hearing was scheduled for Oct. 27, 2025, in Twin Falls, Idaho. Testimony deadlines were set for Oct. 17, 2025, and Nov. 14, 2025.

Idaho Power submitted an application to the Commission on May 30, 2025, seeking approval of an overall revenue increase of \$199.1 million, or 13.09 percent. The utility said the increase is needed to fund energy production and storage resources, grid investments, wildfire resilience, labor and other investments.

The average residential customer using 900 kilowatt-hours of electricity per month would see a monthly bill increase of about \$21.66 if the application was approved as filed. A proposed settlement, if approved by the Commission, could result in a change to that amount.

## **Rocky Mountain Power**

### **Customer hearing will be held in December on Rocky Mountain Power application to increase rates.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission will hold a customer hearing on Dec. 16 in Pocatello to take testimony on an application submitted by Rocky Mountain Power to increase rates.

Rocky Mountain Power is seeking commission approval to increase rates for the average residential customer by 17.9 percent, or about \$19.90 in 2025. The utility also is seeking commission approval to increase rates by 5.3 percent, or about \$6.94 in 2026. The commission can approve, deny or modify the utility's application.

The customer hearing is being held to take testimony for the record on the utility's application. It will begin at 4:00 p.m. (MST) and conclude at 7:00 p.m. or until all customer testimony has been taken, whichever comes first. It will be at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's Pocatello office, 1345 Barton Road, Pocatello, ID 83204. In-person attendance is required to submit testimony.

Those interested in listening to the hearing without submitting testimony can do so by calling 1-415-655-0001 and entering meeting number 2864 793 8995 when prompted.

### **Commission acknowledges eastern Idaho utility's wildfire mitigation plan.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has acknowledged Rocky Mountain Power's 2024-2026 Idaho Wildfire Mitigation Plan. It describes the utility's efforts to mitigate the risk of wildfires by building, maintaining, and operating electrical infrastructure to minimize this risk.

According to the plan, Rocky Mountain Power anticipates investing about \$800,000 during the next two years to increase its situational awareness. The investment will fund a meteorology department and the construction of 35 weather stations in Idaho. The utility said the meteorology department and the weather stations will allow it to generate a comprehensive weather forecast and predict weather conditions for the next 96 hours.

The plan also described the introduction of Rocky Mountain Power's Idaho Public Safety Power Shutoffs program. The utility started the program in 2023, and it allows Rocky Mountain Power to temporarily and proactively de-energize power lines during extreme weather to prevent wildfires from starting. The utility said it uses a Partner Safety Portal to communicate with safety partners, and that the utility communicates with impacted customers through phone calls, texts, e-mails, the Public Safety Power Shutoff webpage and a mobile app during power shutoff events.

Other subjects included in the plan are vegetation management, collaborating with other groups to increase an understanding of best practices and technologies, and system hardening designed to reduce wildfire risk. It is the first wildfire mitigation plan Rocky Mountain Power has filed with the commission.

In its order acknowledging the plan, the commission directed the utility to develop a least-cost, least-risk analysis to evaluate wildfire mitigation projects, file updated versions of the plan every three calendar years, and conduct semi-annual pre-fire and post-fire season updates for the commission, among other items.

The plan and the commission's order acknowledging it are available at: [puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7305](http://puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7305).

## **Customer hearing will be held Dec. 16 on eastern Idaho utility's application to increase rates.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission will hold a customer hearing on Monday, Dec. 16 in Pocatello to take testimony on a proposed settlement of an application submitted by Rocky Mountain Power to increase rates.

Rocky Mountain Power initially applied for commission approval to increase rates for the average residential customer by 17.9 percent, or about \$19.90, in 2025 and an additional 5.3 percent, or about \$6.94, in 2026. However, Rocky Mountain Power recently filed a proposed settlement in which it agreed to, among other things, a 16.8 percent increase to base rates in 2025, with no additional rate increase in 2026. Accounting for a \$32.5 million reduction to Rocky Mountain Power's collection in the Energy Cost Adjustment Mechanism, customers will see their rates increase by about 7.4 percent.

The commission can approve, deny or modify the proposed settlement.

The customer hearing is being held to take testimony for the record. It will begin at 4:00 p.m. and conclude at 7:00 p.m. or until all customer testimony has been taken, whichever comes first. It will be at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's Pocatello office, 1345 Barton Road, Pocatello, ID 83204. In-person attendance is required to submit testimony.

Those interested in listening to the hearing without submitting testimony can do so by calling 1-415-655-0001 and entering meeting number 2864 793 8995 when prompted.

## **Commission schedules technical hearing on eastern Idaho utility's application to increase rates.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission will hold a technical hearing on Jan. 9 regarding a Rocky Mountain Power application to increase the rates for the electric service it provides to customers.

Technical hearings are held when a utility's application may be more significant to customers or present complex issues. Parties to a case cross examine witnesses and submit testimony during these hearings.

Rocky Mountain Power initially applied for commission approval to increase rates for the average residential customer by 17.9 percent, or about \$19.90, in 2025 and an additional 5.3 percent, or about \$6.94, in 2026. However, Rocky Mountain Power recently filed a proposed settlement in which it agreed to, among other things, a 16.8 percent increase to base rates in 2025, with no additional rate increase in 2026. Accounting for a \$32.5 million reduction to Rocky Mountain Power's collection in the Energy Cost Adjustment Mechanism, customers will see their rates increase by about 7.4 percent.

The commission can approve, deny or modify the proposed settlement.

The technical hearing will be held Thursday, Jan. 9, at 10:00 a.m. at the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, 11331 W. Chinden Blvd., Building 8, Suite 201-A, Boise. Non-parties interested in listening to the testimony and presentations can attend at the commission's office. Those interested in listening to the hearing can do so by calling 1-415-655-0001 and entering meeting number 2861 498 6715 when prompted.

## **Commission approves settlement for eastern Idaho electric utility's application to increase rates.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has approved a settlement regarding a Rocky Mountain Power application to increase the rates for the electric service it provides to customers.

Rocky Mountain Power initially applied for commission approval to increase rates for the average residential customer by 17.9 percent, or about \$19.90, in 2025 and an additional 5.3 percent, or about \$6.94, in 2026. However, Rocky Mountain Power filed a proposed settlement in which it agreed to, among other things, a 16.8 percent increase to base rates in 2025, with no additional rate increase in 2026. Accounting for a \$32.5 million reduction to Rocky Mountain Power's collection in the Energy Cost Adjustment Mechanism, customers will see their rates increase by about 7.4 percent. The utility serves customers in eastern Idaho.

The rate change will take effect on Feb. 1, 2025.

The commission could have approved, denied or modified the proposed settlement.

## **Commission schedules telephonic hearing to take testimony on proposed customer, asset transfer.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission will hold a telephonic hearing to take testimony on an electric utility's application to sell facilities to the city of Idaho Falls and transfer service for a customer to the city.

The city and the electric utility, Rocky Mountain Power, entered into a service allocation agreement that is designed to reduce duplication of service and promote stability in their respective service areas. The agreement allows for the transfer of a customer's electric service from one utility to the other as long as the acquiring utility agrees to pay the utility currently providing service just compensation for lost revenues and the distribution facilities used to serve the customer.

The hearing will be Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. (MDT). Those interested in submitting testimony can call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2863 967 1037 when prompted.

The commission is accepting written comments on the proposed transfer until April 17, 2025. Comments are required to be filed through the commission website or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To comment electronically, please visit [puc.idaho.gov](http://puc.idaho.gov) and click on the "Case Comment Form" link on the upper left side of the page. Please use case number PAC-E-25-03 when filling out the form. To comment using e-mail, please send comments to the e-mail addresses listed below and include case number PAC-E-25-03. Commenters are required to include their name and address. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the commission secretary, the utility and the city of Idaho Falls at the addresses listed below. Commenters are required to include case number PAC-E-25-03, as well as their name and address.

## **Commission is accepting written comments on decommissioning of eastern Idaho hydroelectric plant.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is accepting written comments until May 8, 2025, on an application from Rocky Mountain Power to decommission the utility's Paris hydroelectric plant and sell land the plant is on.

Rocky Mountain Power is seeking commission approval to disassemble parts of the plant and landscape other areas. It also is proposing to sell 31.7 acres of land, an empty powerhouse, well and garage. The utility also proposes to donate 4.3 acres of land for public access to Paris Creek as part of a creek restoration agreement.

Comments are required to be filed through the commission website or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To comment electronically, please visit [puc.idaho.gov](http://puc.idaho.gov) and click on the "Case Comment Form" link on the upper left side of the page. Please use case number PAC-E-25-01 when filling out the form. To comment using e-mail, please send comments to the e-mail addresses listed below and include case number PAC-E-25-01. Commenters are required to include their name and address. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the commission secretary and Rocky Mountain Power at the addresses listed below. Commenters are required to include case number PAC-E-25-01, as well as their name and address.

## **Commission schedules online public workshops to share information on eastern Idaho electric utility's on-site generation case.**

Idaho Public Utilities Commission staff will hold two online public workshops in mid-July to share information on an eastern Idaho electric utility's application to change the credit rate given to customers who supply power to the utility through on-site generation.

Rocky Mountain Power, which serves customers in eastern Idaho, offers the credit to customers who participate in the on-site generation. On-site generation systems, such as solar panels, provide electricity to these customers. Any excess energy is transmitted to the utility's system for the credit.

The utility is proposing to change the value of credit for exported energy from a retail rate, valued at around \$0.09 to \$0.10 per kilowatt hour for residential customers, to a time-differentiated financial bill credit that would be approximately \$0.04 per kilowatt hour. The utility is also proposing to modify the on-site generation system size cap for commercial, industrial and irrigation customers.

The proposed changes apply to non-legacy customers. The commission previously granted legacy status, or grandfathered customers who had on-site generation systems installed prior to October of 2020. Customers who installed on-site generation systems since then have non-legacy status and have been compensated under a different structure that has been subject to change.

The first workshop will be held on Tuesday, July 15. Staff will present an overview of Rocky Mountain Power's application and answer questions. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. (MDT) and conclude at 8:00 p.m. or after all customer questions have been answered, whichever comes first.

To participate online, please visit [idahogov.webex.com](http://idahogov.webex.com) and enter meeting number 2632 003 1481 (no spaces between numbers). Then, click on the green "Join" button. At the next window, please enter this password: Commission. Next, please click on the green "Join Webinar" button. At the next window, please enter your name and e-mail address, and then click on the "Next" button. Then click on the green "Join Webinar" button.

To participate over the phone, please call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2632 003 1481 when prompted.

A workshop also will be held on Wednesday, July 16. Commission staff will present an overview of the utility's application and answer questions. It will begin at 12:00 p.m. (MDT) and conclude at 2:00 p.m. or after all customer questions have been answered, whichever comes first.

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To participate over the phone, please call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2632 781 7600 when prompted.

The commission is accepting written comments on the utility's application until Thursday, Aug. 14. Comments are required to be filed through the commission website or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To comment electronically, please visit [puc.idaho.gov](http://puc.idaho.gov) and click on the "Case Comment Form" link on the upper left side of the page. Please use case number PAC-E-25-02 when filling out the form. To comment using e-mail, please send comments to the e-mail addresses listed below and include case number PAC-E-25-02. Commenters are required to include their name and address. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the commission secretary and Rocky Mountain Power at the addresses listed below. Commenters are required to include case number PAC-E-25-02, as well as their name and address.

## **Commission schedules telephonic hearings to take testimony on proposed asset transfers from electric utility to the city of Idaho Falls.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission will hold two telephonic hearings to take testimony on applications submitted by Rocky Mountain Power to transfer certain electric facilities owned by it to the city of Idaho Falls.

Idaho Falls' municipal electric service territory is surrounded by Rocky Mountain Power's service territory. Rocky Mountain Power currently provides service to customers located within the boundaries of the city, and the city provides service to customers within Rocky Mountain Power's service territory. In 2017, the city and the utility entered into a service allocation agreement designed to reduce duplication of service and promote stability in their respective service areas.

If the asset transfers are approved by the commission, the city will pay Rocky Mountain Power for the electric facilities.

Case No. PAC-E-25-10 involves the proposed transfer of facilities in northeast Idaho Falls. Case No. PAC-E-25-11 involves the proposed transfer of facilities in southeast Idaho Falls.

The hearings are on Wednesday, July 16. The hearing for Case No. PAC-E-25-10 will begin at 11:00 a.m. (MDT) and conclude at 11:30 a.m. or after all testimony has been taken, whichever comes first. Those interested in submitting testimony for the record can call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2863 386 0930 when prompted. The hearing for Case No. PAC-E-25-11 will begin at 11:30 a.m. (MDT) and conclude at 12:00 p.m. or after all customer testimony has been taken, whichever comes first. Those interested in submitting testimony for the record can call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2863 386 0930 when prompted.

Additional information on the proposed asset transfers is available at [puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7551](http://puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7551) and [puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7552](http://puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7552).

## **Commission sets deadline to submit written comments on electric utility's Integrated Resource Plan.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has set an early October deadline to submit written comments on Rocky Mountain Power's 2025 Integrated Resource Plan.

The plan outlines and analyzes the utility's strategy for meeting customers' projected needs. The plan is filed every two years and is used by Rocky Mountain Power to guide the acquisition of resources. The utility said the plan analyzes different energy resources such as wind, solar, plant upgrades, energy storage and energy efficiency to determine the best mix of resources. Those resources are intended to provide a reliable and affordable energy supply, the utility said.

The commission is accepting written comments on Rocky Mountain Power's plan until Oct. 7, 2025. Comments are required to be filed through the commission's website or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To

comment using the website, please visit [puc.idaho.gov](http://puc.idaho.gov) and click on the “Case Comment Form” link on the upper left side of the page. Please use case number PAC-E-25-12 when filling out the form. Those submitting comments using e-mail are required to send them to the commission secretary and Rocky Mountain Power at the e-mail addresses listed below. Comments are required to include the commenter’s name, address and case number PAC-E-25-12. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the commission and Rocky Mountain Power at the addresses listed below. Mailed comments are required to include the commenter’s name, address and case number PAC-E-25-12.

## **Commission schedules virtual customer hearing to take testimony on eastern Idaho electric utility’s on-site generation case.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission will hold a virtual customer hearing to take testimony on an eastern Idaho electric utility’s application to change the export credit rate given to customers who supply power to the utility through on-site generation.

Rocky Mountain Power, which serves customers in eastern Idaho, offers the credit to customers who participate in the on-site generation. On-site generation systems, such as solar panels, provide electricity to these customers. Any excess energy is transmitted to the utility’s system for the credit.

The utility is proposing to change the value of credit for exported energy from a retail rate, valued at around \$0.09 to \$0.10 per kilowatt hour for residential customers, to a time-differentiated financial bill credit that would be approximately \$0.04 per kilowatt hour. The utility is also proposing to modify the on-site generation system size cap for commercial, industrial and irrigation customers.

Rocky Mountain Power is seeking commission approval to implement the changes beginning Oct. 1, 2025, and make annual updates to the export credit for customers with on-site generation.

The proposed changes apply to non-legacy customers. The commission previously granted legacy status, or grandfathered customers who had on-site generation systems installed prior to October of 2020. Customers who installed on-site generation systems since then have non-legacy status and have been compensated under a different structure that has been subject to change.

The customer hearing will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 19. It will begin at 4:00 p.m. (MDT) and conclude at 7:00 p.m. or after all testimony has been taken, whichever comes first. To participate online, please visit [idahogov.webex.com](http://idahogov.webex.com), and enter meeting number 2870 277 8090 (no spaces between numbers). Then, click on the green “Join” button. At the next window, please enter this password: Commission. Next, please click on the green “Join Webinar” button. At the next window, please enter your name and e-mail address, and then click on the “Next” button. Then click on the green “Join Webinar” button.

To participate over the phone, please call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2870 277 8090 when prompted.

The commission is accepting written comments on the utility’s application until Thursday, Aug. 14. Comments are required to be filed through the commission website or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To comment electronically, please visit [puc.idaho.gov](http://puc.idaho.gov) and click on the “Case Comment Form” link on the upper left side of the page. Please use case number PAC-E-25-02 when filling out the form. To comment using e-mail, please send comments to the e-mail addresses listed below and include case number PAC-E-25-02. Commenters are required to include their name and address. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the commission secretary and Rocky Mountain Power at the addresses listed below. Commenters are required to include case number PAC-E-25-02, as well as their name and address.

## **Commission reschedules virtual customer hearing to take testimony on eastern Idaho electric utility's on-site generation case, extends written comments deadline.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has rescheduled a virtual customer hearing from Aug. 19 to Sept. 11 to take testimony on an eastern Idaho electric utility's application to change the export credit rate given to customers who supply power to the utility through on-site generation. The commission also extended the deadline to submit written comments.

Rocky Mountain Power, which serves customers in eastern Idaho, offers the credit to customers who participate in the on-site generation. On-site generation systems, such as solar panels, provide electricity to these customers. Any excess energy is transmitted to the utility's system for the credit.

In the utility's application, it proposes to change the value of credit for exported energy from a retail rate, valued at around \$0.09 to \$0.10 per kilowatt hour for residential customers, to a time-differentiated financial bill credit that would be approximately \$0.04 per kilowatt hour. The utility also is proposing to modify the on-site generation system size cap for commercial, industrial and irrigation customers. In addition, Rocky Mountain Power is seeking commission approval to make annual updates to the export credit for on-site generation customers.

The proposed changes apply to non-legacy customers. The commission previously granted legacy status, or grandfathered customers who had on-site generation systems installed prior to October of 2020. Customers who installed on-site generation systems since then have non-legacy status and have been compensated under a different structure that has been subject to change.

The customer hearing will begin at 4:00 p.m. (MDT) on Sept. 11 and conclude at 7:00 p.m. or after all testimony has been taken, whichever comes first. To participate online, please visit [idahogov.webex.com](http://idahogov.webex.com), and enter meeting number 2870 277 8090 (no spaces between numbers). Then, click on the green "Join" button. At the next window, please enter this password: Commission. Next, please click on the green "Join Webinar" button. At the next window, please enter your name and e-mail address, and then click on the "Next" button. Then click on the green "Join Webinar" button.

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The deadline to submit written comments initially was Aug. 14. It has been extended to Wednesday, Sept. 3. Comments are required to be filed through the commission website or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To comment electronically, please visit [puc.idaho.gov](http://puc.idaho.gov) and click on the "Case Comment Form" link on the upper left side of the page. Please use case number PAC-E-25-02 when filling out the form. To comment using e-mail, please send comments to the e-mail addresses listed below and include case number PAC-E-25-02. Commenters are required to include their name and address. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the commission secretary and Rocky Mountain Power at the addresses listed below. Commenters are required to include case number PAC-E-25-02, as well as their name and address.

## **Commission approves asset transfer agreement between eastern Idaho electric utility and city of Idaho Falls.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has approved an asset transfer agreement between Rocky Mountain Power and the city of Idaho Falls that will allow the city to provide electrical service to a customer previously served by Rocky Mountain Power.

The city and the utility formed a service allocation agreement in 2017 that is intended to decrease service duplication and increase stability in their

service areas. The agreement permits the transfer of a customer's service between the city and Rocky Mountain Power if the party acquiring the customer pays compensation for lost revenue and distribution facilities used to serve the customer.

Rocky Mountain Power said the transfer complied with Idaho code because it reduces service duplication without increasing rates for other customers.

## **Commission approves eastern Idaho electric utility's application for federal credit adjustment to customer bills.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has approved an application from Rocky Mountain Power to pass on a federal billing credit to residential, small farm and irrigation customers. The credit takes effect Oct. 1, 2025 and lasts until Sept. 30, 2028.

The annual power bill of a typical residential customer will decrease by approximately \$51.87, and the annual overall credit authorized for Idaho customers of Rocky Mountain Power has increased from \$7.93 million annually to \$13.1 million annually.

The Bonneville Power Administration has a Residential Exchange Program that shares the benefits of the Federal Columbia River Power System with customers of investor-owned electric utilities in Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

## **Northern Lights, Inc.**

### **Commission is accepting written comments on application to approve service territory agreement.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is accepting written comments on an application from Northern Lights, Inc. and the City of Bonners Ferry for approval of a service territory agreement.

Northern Lights and the city have been following an agreement since 1981. The agreement established their respective service territories to provide stable service, eliminate duplication of services and increase safety. The agreement predates the creation of the Electric Supplier Stabilization Act. The act is intended to promote harmony between electric suppliers, prohibit the pirating of customers, discourage duplication of electric facilities and stabilize service territories, among other items.

Before making a decision on applications that would establish service territory agreements, the commission evaluates if proposed agreements would violate the act.

Written comments are being accepted until Thursday, Aug. 21, 2025. Comments are required to be filed through the commission's website or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To comment using the website, please visit [puc.idaho.gov](http://puc.idaho.gov) and click on the "Case Comment Form" link on the upper left side of the page. Please use case number C10-E-25-01 when filling out the form. Those submitting comments using e-mail are required to send them to the commission secretary, Northern Lights and the city at the e-mail addresses listed below. Comments are required to include the commenter's name, address and case number C10-E-25-01. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the commission, Northern Lights and the city at the addresses listed below. Mailed comments are required to include the commenter's name, address and case number C10-E-25-01.

## **Riverside Electric Company, Limited**

### **Commission approves application from electric utility and the City of Rupert for service territory agreement.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has approved an application that will allow the Riverside Electric Company, Limited and the City of Rupert to enter into a service territory agreement.

The utility and city had an existing agreement that was negotiated to settle a service territory between them, provide for stability of service with customers, eliminate the

duplication of services and provide safety in respective territories. The agreement was negotiated before the creation of the Electric Supplier Stabilization Act (“ESSA”), which encourages harmony between electric suppliers, prohibits the pirating of customers, discourages the duplication of electric facilities and stabilizes service territories.

The commission determined the agreement included terms and conditions that were consistent with the purpose of the ESSA. Among those terms and conditions are defined boundaries between the two service territories that the utility and city would use to serve new customers, the assignment of existing customers in the territories and a process for entering into a written agreement to serve a new customer that can be more efficiently served by the other party.

# WATER

## Regulated Water Companies

Company	Customers	Nearest City / Town
Algoma Water System	27	Sagle
Aspen Creek Water Co., Inc.	75	Fish Haven
Atomic Water Works	33	Atomic City
Bear Claw Water System LLC	28	Clark Fork
Capitol Water Corporation	3,030	Boise
CDS Stoneridge Utilities LLC	370	Blanchard
Dry Creek Water Company	570	Boise
Falls Water Co., Inc.	7,930	Ammon/Rigby
Gem State Water Company, LLC	1,067	Coeur d'Alene
Grouse Point Water Company, LLC	48	Kuna
Intermountain Sewer and Water	0	Mayfield
Kootenai Heights Water System, Inc.	11	Kootenai
Mayfield Springs Water Company, Inc.	101	Kuna
Meadows Water LLC	214	Donnelly
North Star Water, LLC	12	Caldwell
Picabo Water System LLC	62	Picabo
Priest Lake Water LLC	72	Priest Lake
Red Pheasant Holdings LLC	165	Lewiston
Rocky Mountain Utility Company, Inc.	177	Rigby
Schweitzer Basin Water LLC	480	Sandpoint
Schweitzer Water Company	566	Sandpoint
Sunbeam Water	21	American Falls

Syringa Water Company, Inc.	78	Coeur d'Alene
Teton Water and Sewer Company, LLC	328	Driggs
Valiant Idaho, LLC	110	Sandpoint
Veolia Water Idaho Inc.	107,258	Boise
VP, Incorporated	74	Sandpoint

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### **Red Pheasant Holdings, LLC**

Private water utility in Nez Perce County will be investigated to determine if it should be regulated.

Idaho Public Utilities Commission staff will investigate Red Pheasant Holdings, LLC to determine if the utility should be regulated by the commission.

Red Pheasant Holdings is the parent company of Red Pheasant Water Company, LLC. Red Pheasant Water serves 173 customers in Nez Perce County and collects payments from customers. The company is not currently regulated by the commission and does not have a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

The purpose of the investigation is to determine if the company should be a regulated utility under Idaho code and it should be directed to apply for a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

### **Dry Creek Water Company, LLC**

Commission is accepting written comments on proposed settlement involving water utility.

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is accepting written comments until Friday, October 18, 2024, on a proposed settlement between commission staff and Dry Creek Water Company, LLC.

Previously, commission staff conducted an investigation to determine if Dry Creek Water is operating as a public utility subject to commission regulation. In September, staff and the company filed a joint motion to approve a proposed settlement. It directs Dry Creek Water to amend its corporate papers to enable it to begin directly serving and individually billing homeowners and apply for a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

The commission can approve the settlement, reject it or add additional conditions under which a settlement will be approved.

The commission is accepting written comments on the proposed settlement until Friday, October 18. Comments are required to be filed through the commission's website or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To submit comments using the commission website, please visit [puc.idaho.gov](http://puc.idaho.gov) and click on the "Case Comment Form" link on the upper left side of the page. Please use case number DRY-W-24-01 when filling out the form. The commenter should also include their name and address. If using e-mail, comments are required to be sent to the commission secretary and Dry Creek Water at the e-mail addresses listed below. Commenters should include their name, address and case number DRY-W-24-01. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the commission and Dry Creek Water at the addresses listed below. Those submitting comments through the mail are required to include their name, address and case number DRY-W-24-01.

## **Commission extends deadline to submit comments and information in water utility case.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is giving a water utility additional time to submit comments and other information as part of an investigation to determine if the utility should be regulated by the commission.

Dry Creek Water Company, located northwest of Boise, provides water to the Dry Creek Ranch Homeowners Association which then distributes water to homes that have been built at Dry Creek Ranch. As of December of 2023, the utility was serving 381 connections. Dry Creek Water is not currently regulated by the commission, and has not been granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

Commission staff received informal complaints regarding how the utility is operating, and determined a formal investigation was needed to determine if Dry Creek Water is operating as a public utility that should be regulated by the commission.

Deadlines in June, July and August have been extended to give Dry Creek Water additional time to work with commission staff and submit information as part of the investigation. In an order issued by the commission on Tuesday, it agreed to vacate an Aug. 16, 2024, reply comment deadline and grant the utility's request for an additional 60 days from a prior reply comment deadline of July 24, 2024, to file reply comments.

## **Interlocutory order approves proposed settlement between water utility and commission staff.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has approved an interlocutory order between Dry Creek Water Company, LLC and commission staff that will eventually give the commission legal authority to regulate the utility.

Dry Creek Water owns a water distribution system northwest of Boise, and provides water to 381 customers in the Dry Creek Ranch community. When fully built out, it is anticipated the utility will serve significantly more customers. Dry Creek Water is not currently regulated by the commission, and does not have a certificate of public convenience and necessity. Commission staff previously investigated if the utility should be regulated, and after completing the investigation determined it should.

An interlocutory order is a temporary order issued in a case that is not the final conclusion of the case. It is anticipated the commission will begin formally regulating Dry Creek Water on Jan. 1, 2025. Waiting until Jan. 1 will give Dry Creek Water additional time to amend corporate papers, adjust billing practices, simplify tax issues and reduce litigation risks. Commission staff involved in the investigation believe the utility's rates are fair, just and

reasonable. Dry Creek Water agreed it would not raise customer rates until the commission issues it a certificate of public convenience and necessity in January.

The proposed settlement directs Dry Creek Water to stop providing water service to the Dry Creek Ranch Homeowners Association and instead serve and bill homeowners by early November of 2024.

## **Priest Lake Water, LLC**

**Written comments are being accepted on northern Idaho water utility's application to determine if it should be a regulated utility.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is accepting written comments on an application submitted by Priest Lake Water, LLC to determine if it should be regulated by the commission and be granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

Priest Lake Water currently serves 72 residential customers in the Marvin Estates Subdivision in Priest Lake. It currently is unregulated and has asked the commission to determine if it is operating within the commission's jurisdiction and if so, be issued a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

Written comments are being accepted until Dec. 13, 2024. Comments should be filed through the commission's website or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To submit comments through the website, please visit [puc.idaho.gov](http://puc.idaho.gov) and click on the "Case Comment Form" link on the upper left side of the page. Please use case number PLW-W-24-01 when filling out the form. Comments submitted using e-mail are required to be sent to the commission secretary and Priest Lake Water at the e-mail addresses listed below. Comments submitted using e-mail are required to include the commenter's name, address and case number PLW-W-24-01. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the commission and Priest Lake Water at the addresses listed below. Mailed comments are required to include the commenter's name, address and case number PLW-W-24-01.

**Commission approves water utility's application to grant it a certificate of public convenience and necessity.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has approved an application submitted by a northern Idaho water utility to grant it a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

Priest Lake Water, LLC applied for the certificate to serve 72 customers in the Marvin Estates Subdivision near Priest Lake, Idaho. When the subdivision is completely built out, Priest Lake Water could serve up to 113 lots.

With the approval of the certificate of public convenience and necessity, the commission will have formal regulatory jurisdiction over Priest Lake Water. The utility is required to adopt the commission's Utility Customer Relations Rules. The rules provide a guide for just, reasonable and nondiscriminatory treatment of customers. Priest Lake Water also will be required to adopt an accounting system consistent with information required by the commission's annual report for small water companies.

Additional information is available at: [puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7433](http://puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7433).

**Commission will hold workshops and customer hearing on water utility's application to increase rates.**

Idaho Public Utilities Commission staff will hold workshops and a customer hearing regarding a northern Idaho water utility's application to increase rates.

Priest Lake Water, LLC serves 72 customers in the Marvin Estates Subdivision near Priest Lake, Idaho. When the subdivision is completely built out, Priest Lake Water could serve up to 113 lots. The utility is asking for commission approval to increase rates from the current single flat monthly rate of \$37 to a flat monthly rate of \$98 for residential customers and a flat monthly rate of \$100 for commercial customers.

The commission can approve, deny or modify the application.

Staff will present an overview of the utility's application and respond to questions on Thursday, Feb. 27, during an online workshop. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. (PST) and conclude at 8:00 p.m. or until all questions have been answered, whichever comes first. Those interested in participating online can visit [idahogov.webex.com](http://idahogov.webex.com) and enter meeting number 2870 734 7431 (no spaces between numbers). Then, click on the green "Join" button. At the next window, please enter this password: PriestLake. Next, please click on the green "Join Webinar" button. At the next window, please enter your name and e-mail address, and then click on the "Next" button. Then click on the green "Join Webinar" button.

To participate over the phone, please call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2870 734 7431 when prompted.

For those unable to attend the workshop, a recording of it will be posted in the News Updates section at [puc.idaho.gov](http://puc.idaho.gov) on Feb. 28.

Commission staff will hold an in-person workshop on Tuesday, March 4, from 6:00 p.m. (PST) until 8:00 p.m. to present an overview of the utility's application and answer questions. The workshop may conclude before 8:00 p.m. if all questions have been answered before then. The workshop will be held at the Inn at Priest Lake, 5310 Dickensheet Road, Coolin, ID, 83821.

An in-person customer hearing will be held Wednesday, April 16, to take testimony for the record. The hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. (PDT) and conclude at 8:00 p.m. or after all testimony has been taken, whichever comes first. The hearing will be held at the Inn at Priest Lake, 5310 Dickensheet Road, Coolin, ID, 83821. In-person attendance is required to submit testimony. Those who want to listen to the hearing remotely can do so by calling 1-415-655-0001 and entering meeting number 2869 925 1196 when prompted.

## **Intervenor, written comment deadlines set in water utility's application seeking to increase rates.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has set deadlines for written comments and intervenor participation for a northern Idaho water utility's application to increase the rates it charges for service.

Priest Lake Water, LLC serves 72 customers in the Marvin Estates Subdivision near Priest Lake, Idaho. When the subdivision is completely built out, Priest Lake Water could serve up to 113 lots. The utility is asking for commission approval to increase its rates from the current single flat monthly rate of \$37 to a flat monthly rate of \$98 for residential customers and a flat monthly rate of \$100 for commercial customers.

The commission can approve, deny or modify the application.

The commission has set a March 12 deadline to request intervenor status. Intervenors in a case are allowed to participate in the proceedings for applications submitted to the commission. Those interested in becoming an intervenor can send an e-mail to [secretary@puc.idaho.gov](mailto:secretary@puc.idaho.gov).

## **Commission will reschedule customer hearing on northern Idaho water utility's application to increase rates.**

A customer hearing to take testimony on an northern Idaho water utility's application to increase rates will be rescheduled to a later date. The hearing originally was going to be held on Wednesday, April 16.

Commission staff will send a press release to media outlets once the new date has been confirmed.

Priest Lake Water, LLC serves 72 customers in the Marvin Estates Subdivision near Priest Lake, Idaho. When the subdivision is completely built out, Priest Lake Water could serve up to 113 lots. The utility is asking for commission approval to increase its rates from the current single flat monthly rate of \$37 to a flat monthly rate of \$98 for residential customers and a flat monthly rate of \$100 for commercial customers.

## **Commission reschedules customer hearing on northern Idaho water utility's application to increase rates.**

A customer hearing to take testimony on a northern Idaho water utility's application to increase rates has been rescheduled to Wednesday, May 7. The hearing originally was going to be held on Wednesday, April 16.

Priest Lake Water, LLC serves 72 customers in the Marvin Estates Subdivision near Priest Lake, Idaho. When the subdivision is completely built out, Priest Lake Water could serve up to 113 lots. The utility is asking for commission approval to increase its rates from the current single flat monthly rate of \$37 to a flat monthly rate of \$98 for residential customers and a flat monthly rate of \$100 for commercial customers.

The in-person hearing is being held to take testimony for the record. The hearing will begin at 4:00 p.m. (PDT) and conclude at 7:00 p.m. or after all testimony has been taken, whichever comes first. It will be at the Inn at Priest Lake, 5310 Dickensheet Road, Coolin, ID, 83821. In-person attendance is required to submit testimony. Those who want to listen to the hearing remotely can do so by calling 1-415-655-0001 and entering meeting number 2869 925 1196 when prompted.

## **Gem State Water Company, LLC**

### **Workshop, customer hearing scheduled on northern Idaho water utility's application to increase rates.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has scheduled a workshop and customer hearing for a northern Idaho water utility's application to increase rates.

Gem State Water Company, LLC is seeking commission approval to increase rates between 53 and 79 percent. The utility has six systems that serve customers. The average customer receiving water from a 1-inch meter would see their monthly bill increase between \$21.65 and \$27.65, depending on which system is serving them.

The commission can approve, deny or modify the utility's application.

Commission staff will host a workshop to share information on the utility's application and answer questions. It will be held on Thursday, May 1, from 6:00 p.m. (PDT) to 8:00 p.m. at the Athol Community Center, 30355 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Athol, ID 83501.

The commission will hold a customer hearing on Wednesday, June 18, to take testimony for the record. The hearing will be held at the Athol Community Center, 30355 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Athol, ID 83501. It will begin at 4:00 p.m. (PDT) and conclude at 7:00 p.m. or after all customer testimony has been taken, whichever comes first. In-person attendance is required to submit testimony, and those planning to do so are encouraged to arrive by 3:45 p.m. as the hearing will conclude after all testimony has been received.

Those interested in listening to the hearing remotely can do so by calling 1-415-655-0001 and entering meeting number 2862 600 6643 when prompted.

The commission is accepting written comments that will become part of the record until Friday, June 13. Comments are required to be filed through the commission's website or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To comment electronically, please visit [puc.idaho.gov](http://puc.idaho.gov) and click on the "Case Comment Form" link on the upper left side of the page. Please use case number GSW-W-24-01 when filling out the form. To comment using e-mail, please send comments to the e-mail addresses listed below and include case number GSW-W-24-01.

Commenters are required to include their name and address. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the commission secretary and Gem State Water at the addresses listed below. Commenters are required to include case number GSW-W-24-01 in their correspondence, as well as their name and address.

## **Commission issues decision on northern Idaho water utility's application to increase rates.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has issued a decision on a northern Idaho water utility's application to increase the rates and charges to provide water service.

Gem State Water Company, LLC had sought commission approval to increase rates between 53 and 79 percent. The utility has six systems that serve customers in northern Idaho. The monthly bill for an average customer receiving water from a 1-inch meter would have increased between \$21.65 and \$27.65, depending on which system was serving them.

In its application to the commission, the utility sought approval for an increase of \$602,050 in its annual revenue requirement. Gem State Water said the increase was needed to recover the current cost of operating and maintaining the water systems, the cost for system improvements and investments to replace aging infrastructure. The utility said it spent money on improvements that included generators, meters and pipes.

Customers will see an increase in their minimum monthly charge and the commodity rate per 1,000 gallons based on the size of their meter and which system is serving them. Customers served by the Bar Circle S and Spirit Lake water systems and who have 1-inch meters will see their monthly charge increase from \$35 per month to \$46 per month.

The commission set the commodity rate at \$4.07 per 1,000 gallons after customers use their allotted number of gallons. Some customers are allotted 7,500 gallons before the \$4.07 charge per 1,000 gallons starts, while other customers are allotted 15,000 gallons before the charge starts. These changes apply to customers with 1-inch meters.

The increase in the monthly charges and commodity charge will give the utility an increase in its annual revenue requirement of \$373,888.

The commission also approved three new non-recurring charges that Gem State Water asked for. The utility will be allowed to collect a \$2,500 deposit for a meter assembly to connect to a fire hydrant and purchase water during construction work. The commission determined it was a reasonable way for the utility to encourage customers to return the meter assembly in good condition. Gem State Water also will be allowed to charge \$20 for a final meter reading on an account and to provide a final bill to a title company when a property is sold.

Additionally, the utility will be allowed to charge \$30 annually when the installation and subsequent removal of irrigation meters each take a single visit. The utility will be allowed to charge \$50 if repeat visits are necessary.

## **CDS Stoneridge Utilities, LLC**

### **Commission approves general rate increase for northern Idaho water utility.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission will allow a northern Idaho water utility to increase the rates it charges customers to provide water service.

CDS Stoneridge Utilities, LLC serves approximately 384 residential and commercial customers in the Blanchard, Idaho, area. It informed customers that a proposed increase in monthly user fees and non-recurring fees was necessary to allow the utility to eliminate a net loss it has been incurring for the last five years. The utility also said it has invested more than \$900,000 since an ownership transfer in 2018. In its application submitted to the commission, it had asked for approval to increase rates for customers by an average of 261 percent. That would have generated a \$555,190 overall increase in the utility's revenues.

The commission approved a general rate increase of 18.6 percent. Customers who have a 3/4 inch meter (the most common for CDS Stoneridge Utilities) and who use 10,000 gallons each month will see their monthly bills increase from \$31.90 to \$37.11. Customers who have a 2-inch meter and who use 70,000 gallons each month will see their monthly bills increase from \$225.97 to \$262.89.

In addition, the commission will allow the utility to charge \$18.50 to reconnect a customer to its system during business hours and \$33.50 after business hours if that customer is reconnected within 30 days or less after disconnecting, charge \$20 for a returned check fee and charge 1 percent per month for late payments. The utility had asked for a reconnection fee of \$50 during office hours and \$80 after office hours for customers reconnecting within 30 days of disconnecting. It also asked for a \$25 charge for returned checks, and a late payment charge of 10 percent or a \$5.00 minimum charge.

### **Commission grants northern Idaho water utility's petition for reconsideration.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission will reconsider a final order it issued in a general rate case filed by CDS Stoneridge Utilities, LLC (Stoneridge).

In November 2024, the commission issued an order approving an 18.6 percent increase in rates for water service provided by Stoneridge. After several subsequent filings regarding the approved rate, the commission granted the northern Idaho utility's petition for reconsideration on Feb. 18, 2025.

The commission found that given the issues raised in Stoneridge's petition for reconsideration that the record be more fully developed prior to it issuing a final order on reconsideration. The commission directed Stoneridge to file robust documentation that supports the request for reconsideration. The utility has until March 11, 2025, to provide additional information it believes will support its request for the commission to reconsider the November 2024 decision. The commission also directed that commission staff and intervenors in the general rate case have until March 25, 2025, to file any responsive comments. After that, Stoneridge has until April 8, 2025, to file any reply comments.

The utility serves approximately 384 residential and commercial customers around Blanchard, Idaho. Stoneridge claimed it has invested more than \$900,000 in its water system since 2018. The utility asked the commission to approve its requested rate increase to recover the investments.

## **Syringa Water Inc.**

### **Commission schedules public workshop to share information on northern Idaho water utility.**

Idaho Public Utilities Commission staff will hold a workshop on Jan. 21, 2025, to provide an overview of the commission's function and operations. Staff also will answer questions from customers regarding a local water utility.

The commission has received comments from customers of Syringa Water Inc. expressing concern about recent rate increases. Commission staff have been ordered to investigate service rates of the utility, have submitted questions to

Syringa Water and will make a recommendation at some point to the commission regarding the utility's rates.

The workshop will be held Tuesday, Jan. 21, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (PST) in the Molstead Library's Todd Lecture Hall at North Idaho College, 875 W. Garden Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814. A map of the campus is attached to this release with a red arrow pointing to the library.

The utility serves 78 customers along the northern part of Lake Coeur d'Alene in Kootenai County.

## **Rocky Mountain Utilities**

### **Commission is accepting written comments on eastern Idaho water utility's application regarding service territory.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is accepting written comments until mid-January on a water utility's application to amend its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. The proposed amendment would expand Rocky Mountain Utilities' certificated area and allow it to serve a newly created subdivision in Jefferson County, Idaho.

The commission is accepting written comments on the utility's application until Jan. 16, 2025. Comments are required to be filed through the commission's website or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To comment using the website, please visit [puc.idaho.gov](http://puc.idaho.gov) and click on the "Case Comment Form" link on the upper left side of the page. Please use case number ROC-W-24-01 when filling out the form. Those submitting comments using e-mail are required to send them to the commission secretary and Rocky Mountain Utilities at the e-mail addresses listed below. Comments are required to include the commenter's name, address and case number ROC-W-24-01. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the commission and Rocky Mountain Utilities at the addresses listed below. Mailed comments are required to include the commenter's name, address and case number ROC-W-24-01.

## **VP Inc.**

### **Commission is accepting written comments on water utility's application to amend certificate of public convenience and necessity.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is accepting written comments until late January on an application from a northern Idaho water utility to amend its certificate of public convenience and necessity, which would allow it to expand its service territory.

VP Inc. provides water service to the Hidden Lakes Subdivision in Bonner County, Idaho. The utility is seeking commission approval to offer water service to an area adjacent to its current service area. VP Inc. said the area can't be served by any other water utility.

The commission is accepting written comments on the utility's application until Jan. 28, 2025. Comments are required to be filed through the commission's website or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To comment using the website, please visit [puc.idaho.gov](http://puc.idaho.gov) and click on the "Case Comment Form" link on the upper left side of the page. Please use case number VPI-W-24-02 when filling out the form. Those submitting comments using e-mail are required to send them to the commission secretary and VP Inc. at the e-mail addresses listed below. Comments are required to include the commenter's name, address and case number VPI-W-24-02. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the commission and VP Inc. at the addresses listed below. Mailed comments are required to include the commenter's name, address and case number VPI-W-24-02.

### **Commission approves water utility's application to expand service territory.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has approved an application from a northern Idaho water utility to expand its service area.

VP Inc. provides water service to the Hidden Lakes Subdivision in Bonner County. The utility applied to serve parcels adjacent to its current service area, and said the parcels cannot be served by another water utility.

The commission granted approval for two of the three parcels VP Inc. applied to serve, but excluded the third northernmost parcel because of water right limits.

The utility's Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity will be amended to reflect the addition of the two parcels.

## **Falls Water**

### **Virtual workshop, written comments deadline scheduled for eastern Idaho water utility's application to change rates.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has scheduled a virtual workshop to share information on an eastern Idaho water utility's application to change the rates it charges customers for water service and has set a written comments deadline.

Falls Water serves approximately 6,833 residential and commercial customers northeast of Idaho Falls in Bonneville County. The utility consists of the Falls Water, Taylor Mountain and Morningview systems. Based on the meter size and amount of water used, customers in the Falls Water and Taylor Mountain systems could see their monthly bills increase between 27 percent and 44 percent. Customers served by the Morningview system could

see their monthly bills decrease between 19 percent and 56 percent, based on their meter size and amount of water used.

The commission can approve, deny or modify the utility's application.

The workshop will be held Wednesday, May 28, and will begin at 6:00 p.m. (MDT). At the workshop, commission staff will present an overview of the application and answer questions.

To participate online, please visit [idahogov.webex.com](https://idahogov.webex.com), and enter meeting number 2862 887 3966 (no spaces between numbers). Then, click on the green "Join" button. At the next window, please enter this password: FallsWater. Next, please click on the green "Join Webinar" button. At the next window, please enter your name and e-mail address, and then click on the "Next" button. Then click on the green "Join Webinar" button.

To participate over the phone, please call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2862 887 3966 when prompted.

The commission is accepting written comments on the application until July 3, 2025. Comments are required to be filed through the commission website or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To comment electronically, please visit [puc.idaho.gov](http://puc.idaho.gov) and click on the "Case Comment Form" link on the upper left side of the page. Please use case number FLW-W-24-02 when filling out the form. To comment using e-mail, please send comments to the e-mail addresses listed below and include case number FLW-W-24-02. Commenters are required to include their name and address. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the commission secretary and Falls Water at the addresses listed below. Commenters are required to include case number FLW-W-24-02, as well as their name and address.

## **Commission issues decision on utility's application to change the rates it charges to provide water service to eastern Idaho customers.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has issued a decision on an application submitted by Falls Water to change the rates it charges to provide water service to customers.

The utility serves approximately 6,833 residential and commercial customers northeast of Idaho Falls in Bonneville County. The utility consists of the Falls Water, Taylor Mountain and Morning View systems. Under the rate structure approved by the commission on Aug. 29, 2025, customers in the Falls Water and Taylor Mountain systems will have a monthly base charge of between \$24.65 and \$411.00 based upon meter size, while customers in the Morning View system will have a monthly base charge of between \$24.65 and \$34.75 based on meter size. The monthly charge includes a certain number of gallons customers can consume based on their meter size, ranging from 6,000 to 21,000 gallons. After the allotted number of gallons is consumed, rates will increase based on additional amounts used.

Falls Water also was given approval to increase the charge to hook up new customers with the exception of those who will be using a 1-inch meter. The hookup charge rates will be between \$525 and \$1,450 to connect customers, based on meter size.

The utility stated the change in rates was needed to recover the increasing cost of operations and maintenance, system improvements and replacing aging infrastructure.

## **Aspen Creek Water Co.**

### **Commission schedules online public workshop to share information on water utility's application to increase rates.**

Idaho Public Utilities Commission staff will hold an online workshop in late February to share information on an eastern Idaho water utility's application to increase rates.

Aspen Creek Water Co. Inc. is seeking commission approval to increase its rates and non-recurring charges. The utility serves 73 unmetered customers in the Aspen Creek Estates and Aspen Creek Meadows subdivisions in Fish Haven, which is in Bear Lake County. Aspen Creek Water is asking to increase the rate for water service to \$134.00 per month. Customers are currently paying \$25.00 per month. Rates have not changed since the utility's tariff was first approved in 2002.

Aspen Creek Water is also seeking commission approval to increase what is charged for new connections to its system. The commission can approve, deny or modify the proposed increases.

Commission staff will present an overview of Aspen Creek Water's application and answer customers' questions during the online public workshop. It will be held Wednesday, Feb. 26, and will begin at 6:00 p.m. (MST). It will conclude at 9:00 p.m. or after all customers' questions have been answered, whichever comes first.

To participate over the phone, please call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2631 117 9800 when prompted. To participate online, please visit [idahogov.webex.com](https://idahogov.webex.com) and enter meeting number 2631 117 9800 (no spaces between numbers). Next, click on the green "Join" button. At the next window, please enter this password: AspenCreek. Next, please click on the green "Join Webinar" button. At the next window, please enter your name and e-mail address and click on the "Next" button. Then click on the green "Join Webinar" button.

The commission is accepting written comments on Aspen Creek's application until March 6, 2025. Comments are required to be filed through the commission's website or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To comment using the website, please visit [puc.idaho.gov](https://puc.idaho.gov) and click on the "Case Comment Form" link on the upper left side of the page. Please use case number ASP-W-24-03 when filling out the form. Those submitting comments using e-mail are required to send them to the commission secretary and Aspen Creek Water at the e-mail addresses listed below. Comments are required to include the commenter's name, address and case number ASP-W-24-03. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the commission and Aspen Creek Water at the addresses listed below. Mailed comments are required to include the commenter's name, address and case number ASP-W-24-03.

### **Commission schedules customer hearing to take testimony on water utility's application to increase rates.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission will hold a customer hearing in mid-March to take testimony for the record on an eastern Idaho water utility's application to increase rates.

Aspen Creek Water Co. Inc. is seeking commission approval to increase its rates and non-recurring charges. The utility serves 73 unmetered customers in the Aspen Creek Estates and Aspen Creek Meadows subdivisions in Fish Haven, which is in Bear Lake County. Aspen Creek Water is asking to increase the rate for water service to \$134.00 per month. Customers are currently paying \$25.00 per month. Rates have not changed since the utility's tariff was first approved in 2002.

Aspen Creek Water is also seeking commission approval to increase what is charged for new connections to its system. The commission can approve, deny or modify the proposed increases.

The customer hearing will be held Thursday, March 13, at the St. Charles City Hall, 25 N. Main Street, St. Charles, ID, 83272. It will begin at 4:00 p.m. and conclude at 7:00 p.m. or until all customer testimony has been taken, whichever comes first. In-person attendance is required to submit testimony. Those who would like to listen to the hearing remotely can do so by calling 1-415-655-0001 and entering meeting number 2867 532 7965 when prompted.

The commission is accepting written comments on Aspen Creek's application until March 6, 2025. Comments are required to be filed through the commission's website or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To comment using the website, please visit [puc.idaho.gov](http://puc.idaho.gov) and click on the "Case Comment Form" link on the upper left side of the page. Please use case number ASP-W-24-03 when filling out the form. Those submitting comments using e-mail are required to send them to the commission secretary and Aspen Creek Water at the e-mail addresses listed below. Comments are required to include the commenter's name, address and case number ASP-W-24-03. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the commission and Aspen Creek Water at the addresses listed below. Mailed comments are required to include the commenter's name, address and case number ASP-W-24-03.

## **Commission reschedules customer hearing on water utility's application to increase rates.**

A customer hearing to take testimony on an eastern Idaho water utility's application to increase rates has been rescheduled to March 26. It was originally going to be held on March 13.

Aspen Creek Water Co. is seeking commission approval to increase its rates and non-recurring charges. The utility serves 73 unmetered customers in the Aspen Creek Estates and Aspen Creek Meadows subdivisions in Fish Haven, which is in Bear Lake County. The utility is asking to increase the rate for water service to \$134.00 per month. Customers are currently paying \$25.00 per month.

Rates have not changed since the utility's tariff was first approved in 2002.

The hearing will be at St. Charles City Hall, 25 N. Main St., St. Charles, ID, 83272. It is scheduled from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. or until all customer testimony has been taken, whichever comes first. In-person attendance is required to submit testimony. Those interested in listening to the hearing can call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2867 532 7965 when prompted.

## **Veolia Water Idaho**

## **Commission schedules meeting dates, public comment deadline regarding Veolia Water Idaho's application to increase rates.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has scheduled dates for a virtual workshop, customer hearing, technical hearing and set the deadline for public comments regarding Veolia Water Idaho's application to increase rates.

The utility is seeking commission approval to increase rates by 20.5 percent. If the commission approves the request in full, the average residential customer's bill will increase by \$6.77 per month and the average commercial customer's bill will increase by \$24.63 per month.

Included in the utility's service territory are customers who were previously served by Eagle Water Company. These customers were granted legacy status, which set their rates at a fixed amount for a period of time. Rates will continue to phase in over time.

If the utility's request is approved in full, the Eagle average residential customer will see an increase of \$4.52 per month and the average Eagle commercial customer will see an increase of \$16.42 per month.

Commission staff will host an online workshop on Thursday, March 20, 2025. They will present an overview of Veolia's application and answer questions. The workshop will begin at 6:00 p.m. and conclude at 8:00 p.m. or after all customer questions have been answered, whichever comes first. To participate online, please visit [idahogov.webex.com](https://idahogov.webex.com) and enter meeting number 2630 100 0592 (no spaces between numbers). Then click on the green "Join" button. At the next window, please enter this password: VeoliaWorkshop. Next, please click on the green "Join Webinar" button. At the next window, please enter your name and e-mail address, then click on the "Next" button. Then click on the green "Join Webinar" button.

To participate over the phone, please call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2630 100 0592 when prompted.

In addition to the online workshop, the commission will hold a customer hearing on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, to take testimony for the record. The hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. and conclude at 9:00 p.m. or after all customer testimony has been taken, whichever comes first. The hearing will be held at the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, 11331 W. Chinden Boulevard, Building 8, Suite 201-A, Boise, ID, 83714. In-person attendance is required to submit testimony. Those interested in listening to the hearing can call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2862 059 1623 when prompted.

The commission will hold a technical hearing from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21, 2025. It will be held at the commission's office at 11331 W. Chinden Boulevard, Building 8, Suite 201-A, Boise, ID, 83714. A technical hearing is an opportunity for parties to the case to present witnesses, testimony and exhibits. To watch the hearing online, please visit [idahogov.webex.com](https://idahogov.webex.com) and enter meeting number 2861 175 6228 (no spaces between numbers). Then click on the green "Join" button. At the next window, please enter this password: VeoliaHearing. Next, please click on the green "Join Webinar" button. At the next window, please enter your name, e-mail address and click on the "Next" button. Then click on the green "Join Webinar" button.

To listen to the hearing over the phone, please call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2861 175 6228 when prompted.

Written comments on Veolia's application are being accepted until Tuesday, May 13, 2025. Comments are required to be filed through the commission's website or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To comment using the website, please visit [puc.idaho.gov](https://puc.idaho.gov) and click on the "Case Comment Form" link on the upper left side of the page. Please use case number VEO-W-24-01 when filling out the form. Those submitting comments using e-mail are required to send them to the commission secretary and Veolia at the e-mail addresses listed below. Comments are required to include the commenter's name, address and case number VEO-W-24-01. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the commission and Veolia at the addresses listed below. Mailed comments are required to include the commenter's name, address and case number VEO-W-24-01.

## **Commission approves proposed settlement that will change the rates water utility charges to offer service.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has approved a settlement that will allow Veolia Water Idaho to increase rates that will pay for operating expenses and costs.

The settlement was approved by the commission on May 30. Veolia Water Idaho initially asked for commission approval to increase customer rates by 19.84 percent.

The settlement allows Veolia to collect an additional \$7 million in base revenue to cover expenses and costs, which represents an 11.8 percent increase in base rates. The utility said the increase is needed to cover increased operating expenses, recover costs associated with plant in service additions and produce a fair rate of return.

In the decision approving the settlement, the commission determined the settlement would allow Veolia Water Idaho to operate sustainably and reduce the effects of the rate increase on customers.

## **Bear Claw Water System, LLC**

### **Commission is accepting written comments on water utility's application to become regulated.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is accepting written comments until late August on a northern Idaho water utility's application to become regulated.

Bear Claw Water System, LLC serves customers in the Bear Claw Subdivision in Bonner County. It has applied to the commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity that would change its status from an unregulated water utility to a regulated utility.

Written comments on the application are being accepted until Thursday, Aug. 28. Comments are required to be filed through the commission's website or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To comment using the website, please visit [puc.idaho.gov](http://puc.idaho.gov) and click on the "Case Comment Form" link on the upper left side of the page. Please use case number BCW-W-25-01 when filling out the form. Those submitting comments using e-mail are required to send them to the commission secretary and Bear Claw Water at the e-mail addresses listed below. Comments are required to include the commenter's name, address and case number BCW-W-25-01. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the commission and Bear Claw Water at the addresses listed below. Mailed comments are required to include the commenter's name, address and case number BCW-W-25-01.

### **Commission approves water utility's application to become regulated.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") that will give a northern Idaho water utility the authority to provide service to customers.

Bear Claw Water System, LLC serves customers in the Bear Claw Subdivision in Bonner County. It is a corporation operating and managing a water system for compensation in Idaho and is, therefore, a public utility subject to the Commission's regulation under Idaho code.

Bear Claw Water System will be required to adopt the Commission's Uniform Customer Relations Rules ("UCRR") and Utility Customer Information Rules. The UCRR requires the utility to submit certain documents for Commission review and approval. The documents include a tariff, various customer notices and an annual rules summary.

The Commission directed the utility to maintain the current rates it charges customers to provide service. A separate case will be opened to evaluate if the interim rates are fair, just and reasonable.

## **Valiant Idaho, Inc.**

### **Commission schedules online workshop, customer hearing and written comments deadline for northern Idaho water utility's application to increase rates.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has scheduled an online workshop, customer hearing and written comments deadline for an application submitted by Valiant Idaho, Inc. to increase the rates it charges to provide water service.

The utility is seeking commission approval to increase the monthly charge for lots with finished homes from \$45.00 to \$150.00. The rate for lots without finished homes on them would stay at the monthly rate of \$45.00. There is no metered rate. Valiant Idaho is also seeking approval to charge 1 cent per gallon for all consumption in excess of 7,500 gallons per month.

Valiant Idaho said the rate change is needed due to increased operating costs and necessary investments made to the utility's system. The utility said the increase also would help ensure the water system remains solvent and can meet annual obligations while providing a reasonable rate of financial return.

The commission can approve, deny or modify the application.

The workshop will be held Thursday, July 10, at 5:30 p.m. (PDT). Commission staff will present an overview of the utility's application and answer questions. To participate online, please visit [idahogov.webex.com](http://idahogov.webex.com) and enter meeting number 2861 693 3809. Then, click on the green "Join" button. At the next window, please enter this password: Valiant. Next, please click on the green "Join Webinar" button. At the next window, please enter your name, e-mail address and then click on the "Next" button. Then click on the green "Join Webinar" button.

To participate over the phone, please call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2861 693 3809 when prompted.

A customer hearing will be held on Thursday, Aug. 14, to take testimony for the record. It will begin at 4:00 p.m. (PDT) and conclude at 7:00 p.m. or after all customer testimony has been taken, whichever comes first. The hearing will be at the James E. Russell Community Room, 2016 Pine St., Sandpoint, ID 83864 (the James E. Russell Sports Center). Those planning to testify are encouraged to arrive by 3:45 p.m. as the hearing will conclude when it appears all customer testimony has been received.

Those interested in listening to the hearing remotely can call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2862 375 2996 when prompted. In-person attendance is required to submit testimony.

The commission is accepting written comments on the application until Wednesday, Aug. 6. Comments are required to be filed through the commission website or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To comment electronically, please visit [puc.idaho.gov](http://puc.idaho.gov) and click on the "Case Comment Form" link on the upper left side of the page. Please use case number VID-W-25-02 when filling out the form. To comment using e-mail, please send comments to the e-mail addresses listed below and include case number VID-W-25-02. Commenters are required to include their name and address. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the commission secretary and Valiant Idaho at the addresses listed below. Commenters are required to include case number VID-W-25-02, as well as their name and address.

# TELECOMMUNICATIONS

## Regulated Telecommunication Companies

Company	Location
<b>Albion Telephone Company</b>	Albion
<b>Cambridge Telephone Company</b>	Cambridge
<b>CenturyLink*</b>	Boise
<b>CenturyTel of Idaho, Inc.*</b>	Salt Lake City, UT
<b>CenturyTel of the Gem State, Inc.</b>	Salt Lake City, UT
<b>Zipty Fiber of Idaho, LLC*</b>	Beaverton, OR
<b>Columbine Telephone Company, Inc. dba Silver Star Communications</b>	Freedom, WY
<b>Direct Communications Rockland, Inc.</b>	Rockland
<b>Fremont Telcom Co.</b>	Missoula, MT
<b>Zipty Fiber Northwest, LLC*</b>	Beaverton, OR
<b>Inland Telephone Company</b>	Roslyn, WA
<b>Midvale Telephone Company</b>	Midvale
<b>Oregon-Idaho Utilities</b>	Nampa
<b>Pine Telephone System, Inc.</b>	Halfway, OR
<b>Potlach Telephone Company*</b>	Kendrick
<b>Rural Telephone Company</b>	Glenns Ferry

\* These companies are no longer rate regulated; however, they are still regulated for customer service.

# Telecommunications Press Releases from the Commission for the Fiscal Year 2025

## FyberCom LLC CPCN Approval

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has approved an application from FyberCom LLC that will allow it to offer local telecommunication exchange services in Idaho.

The telecom company asked for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity in its application. FyberCom said it is incorporated within the state of Idaho and plans to offer service to businesses that want hosted voice services. FyberCom also plans to resell internet bandwidth that will enable it to offer several telecom services to customers, including basic telephone service.

## Millennium Networks, LLC CPCN Approval

Millennium Networks, LLC will be allowed to continue offering services to customers after the Idaho Public Utilities Commission determined that it still meets the statutory requirements to hold a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("CPCN").

Millennium Networks LLC bought telecommunications equipment and facilities from CTC Telecom, Inc. After the purchase, Millennium Networks was directed by the commission to submit information demonstrating that it still meets the requirements to be a holder of a CPCN.

Millennium Networks serves more than 4,000 residential and commercial customers across multiple counties. It primarily uses fiber optic facilities.

## Idaho Telecommunications Service Assistance Program (ISAP)

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has accepted the 2024 annual report and the 2025 budget for the Idaho Telecommunications Service Assistance Program, which helps decrease the cost of basic local exchange telephone service for eligible Idaho residents.

The program is funded through a uniform, commission-ordered surcharge on all end-user business, residential and wireless access service lines. The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare administers the program along with federal programs to grant limited federal "lifeline" contributions to low-income customers. The lifeline program is designed to ensure all Americans have the opportunities that phone service provides, including being able to connect to jobs, family and emergency services.

Idaho telephone companies provide a monthly \$2.50 discount to eligible applicants. If the public utilities commission designates a company as an eligible telecommunications carrier, the company may be reimbursed from the program's fund for the assistance it provided to customers.

The commission issued its order on May 1 accepting the annual report and 2025 budget for the program. Commission staff agreed with the report and 2025 budget.

During 2024, the number of recipients receiving the discount was reported at 89,508. The number of recipients for 2023 was 93,325. This represents a decrease of about 4 percent from 2023.

## **Idaho Universal Service Fund (USF)**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has set the yearly rates for a fund that helps provide telephone service to Idaho residents.

The Idaho Universal Service Fund was established by the Idaho Legislature through Idaho Code § 62-610 to maintain the universal availability of local exchange service at reasonable rates and promote the availability of message telecommunications service (MTS) at reasonably comparable prices throughout the state. It accomplishes this by taking revenue collected via a surcharge assessed on all land-line users and long-distance call minutes and distributing that revenue to telecommunications carriers that meet certain eligibility requirements.

The fund has an administrator who submits an annual report to the commission that provides information on the fund's activities and recommends surcharge rates to meet the next year's funding requirements.

After reviewing the report and commission staff recommendations, the commission set surcharge rates at \$0.24 cents per residential line, \$0.41 cents per business line and \$0.005 cents per message telecommunications service/wide area telephone service. The rates took effect on Oct. 1, 2024, and will last for one year.

The rates reflect a decrease from when they were last set in 2023. Those rates were \$0.25 cents per residential line, \$0.44 cents per business line and \$0.007 cents per intrastate long-distance billed minute.

## Natural Gas

### Consumption and Prices decrease in FY 2025<sup>1</sup>

In Idaho, natural gas is supplied to customers by Avista Corporation, Enbridge Gas Idaho, and Intermountain Company. Idaho is located between two large natural gas producing basins: The Rocky Mountain Basin (Rock and the Western Canadian Sedimentary Basin ("WCSB").

These basins are connected through the Williams Northwest Pipeline and TransCanada's GTN pipelines allow natural gas utility companies serving Idaho to take advantage of capacity and pricing at both basins.

### Individual Idaho Gas Utility Profiles

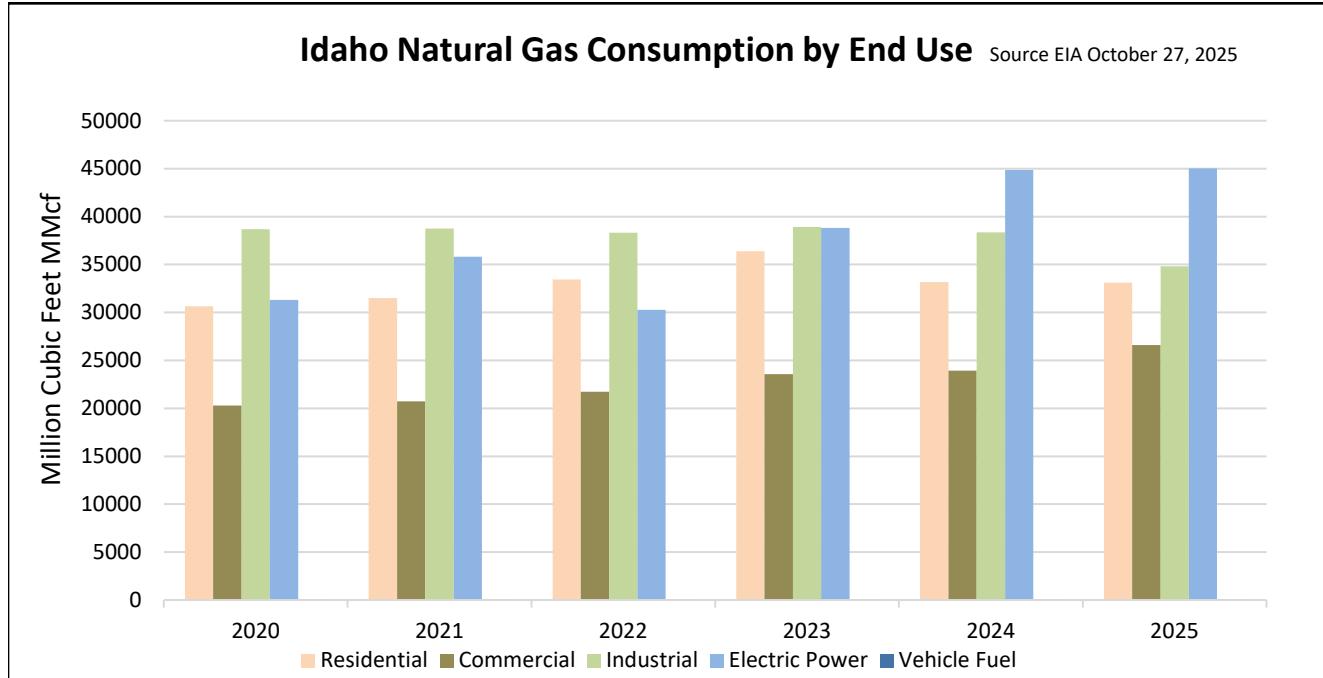
FY 2025 Statistics	Total	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Transportation
<b>Avista Corporation</b>					
Customers	<b>96,636</b>	<b>86,538</b>	<b>10,021</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>9</b>
% of Total	100%	89.55%	10.37%	0.07%	0.01%
2025 Therms (millions)	153.66	58.14	34.42	1.79	59.32
% of Total	100%	37.83%	22.40%	1.16%	38.60%
2025 Revenue (millions)	\$86.840	\$59.26	\$25.78	\$1.16	\$0.64
% of Total	100%	68.24%	29.69%	1.33%	0.74%
<b>Enbridge Gas</b>					
Customers	<b>2,598</b>	<b>2,328</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
% of Total	100%	89.61%	10.32%	0.00%	0.08%
2025 Therms (millions)	2.68	1.56	0.98	0.00	0.14
% of Total	100%	58.10%	36.54%	0.00%	5.35%
2025 Revenue (millions)	\$2.28	\$1.48	\$0.78	\$0.00	\$0.02
% of Total	100%	65.07%	34.07%	0.00%	0.86%
<b>Intermountain Gas</b>					
Customers	<b>433,328</b>	<b>396,309</b>	<b>36,867</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>114</b>
% of Total	100%	91.46%	8.51%	0.01%	0.03%
2025 Therms (millions)	813.38	282.07	138.94	14.77	377.61
% of Total	100%	34.68%	17.08%	1.82%	46.42%
2025 Revenue (millions)	\$291.51	\$194.28	\$81.61	\$5.88	\$9.75
% of Total	100%	66.64%	27.99%	2.02%	3.35%

<sup>1</sup> The Idaho Public Utilities Commission's fiscal year is July 1st through June 30<sup>th</sup>.

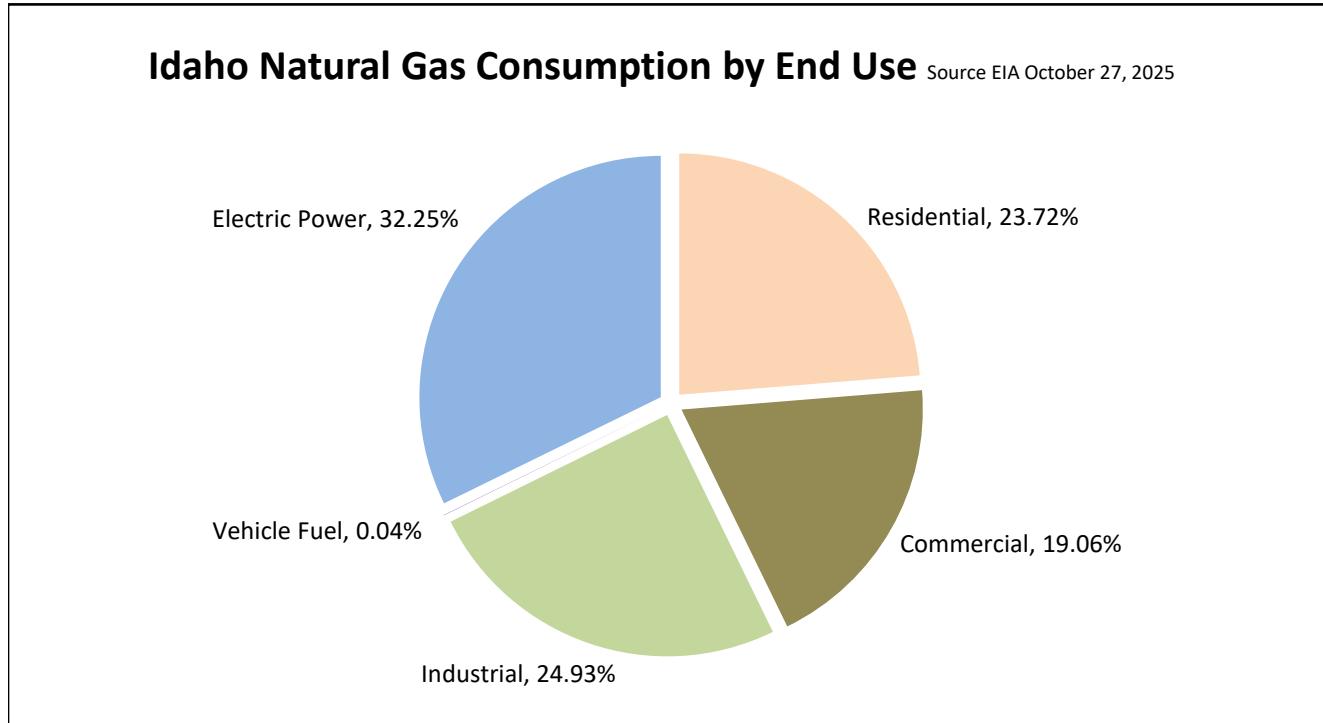
## Natural Gas Consumption

In FY 2025, overall consumption of natural gas in Idaho decreased approximately 0.6 percent from FY 2024, with the greatest shifts being amongst the industrial and commercial consumers.

**Figure 1. Idaho Historical Natural Gas Consumption Volume**



**Figure 2. Idaho Natural Gas Consumption FY 2025 Percentages**



## Natural Gas Demand

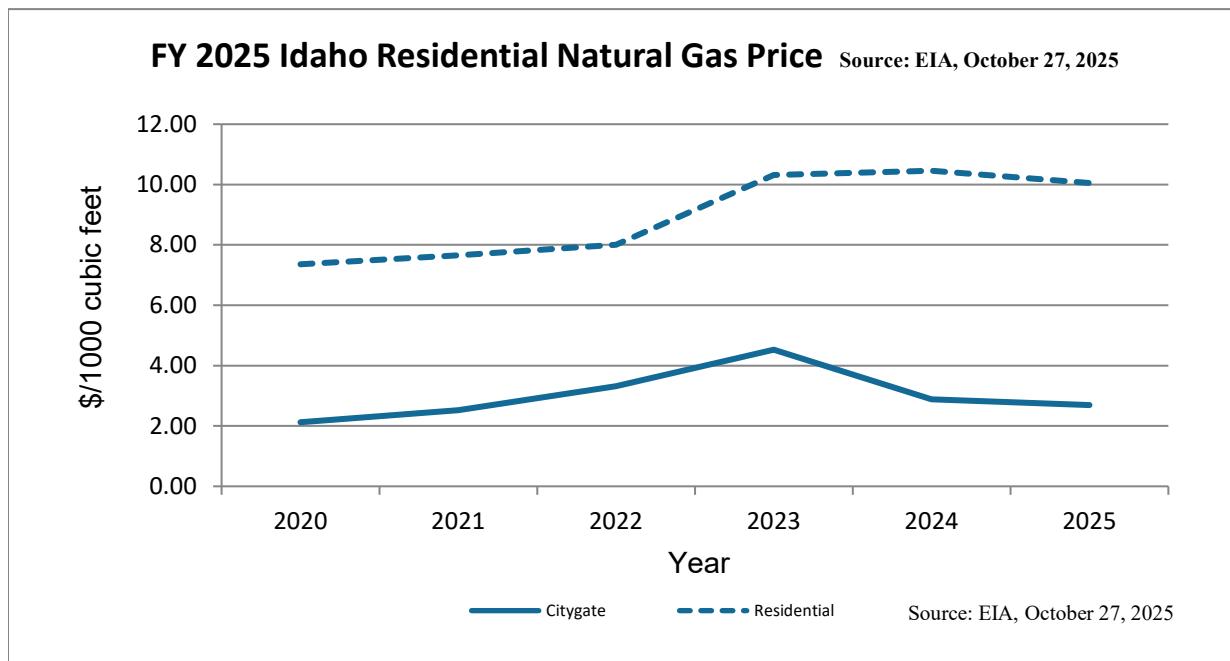
The Northwest Gas Association (“NWGA”) forecasts overall demand for natural gas in the Pacific Northwest to grow 1.2% per year, or a total of 11.8% cumulative growth over the 10-year forecast window.<sup>2</sup> End-use demand by residential and commercial sectors, and demand for natural gas to generate electricity, is anticipated to change (grow or decline) less than 1% annually. NWGA data indicates that on average, natural gas satisfies almost 50% of the annual non-transportation end-use energy demand in the region. Regional residential and commercial consumption varies with the weather but has generally shown modest growth over the last two decades. Demand for natural gas to fuel electricity generation has grown steadily as economics and public policy have prompted the closure of other on-demand generation resources.

## Natural Gas Prices

### Historical Prices:

In the past five years, the commodity price of natural gas was relatively flat with short-term volatility impacting the prices in 2022. In 2023, the natural gas prices at the city gate decreased from the 2022 prices due to increased supply, less pipeline constraints, and mild average temperatures throughout the year. To date, 2025 is seeing city gate prices remaining relatively flat.

**Figure 3: Idaho Historical Gas Prices**



### Expected Prices:

The U.S. Energy Information Administration (“EIA”) projects prices to rise in 2026 as liquefied natural gas (“LNG”) production and exports increase, while domestic consumption remains relatively flat. EIA projects Henry Hub natural gas spot price in published forecasts rise from just under \$3.00 per million British thermal units (“MMBtu”) in September 2025 to \$4.10/MMBtu in January 2026. This January forecast price is almost 50 cents/MMBtu lower than it was in EIA’s previously published outlook. Lower natural gas prices largely

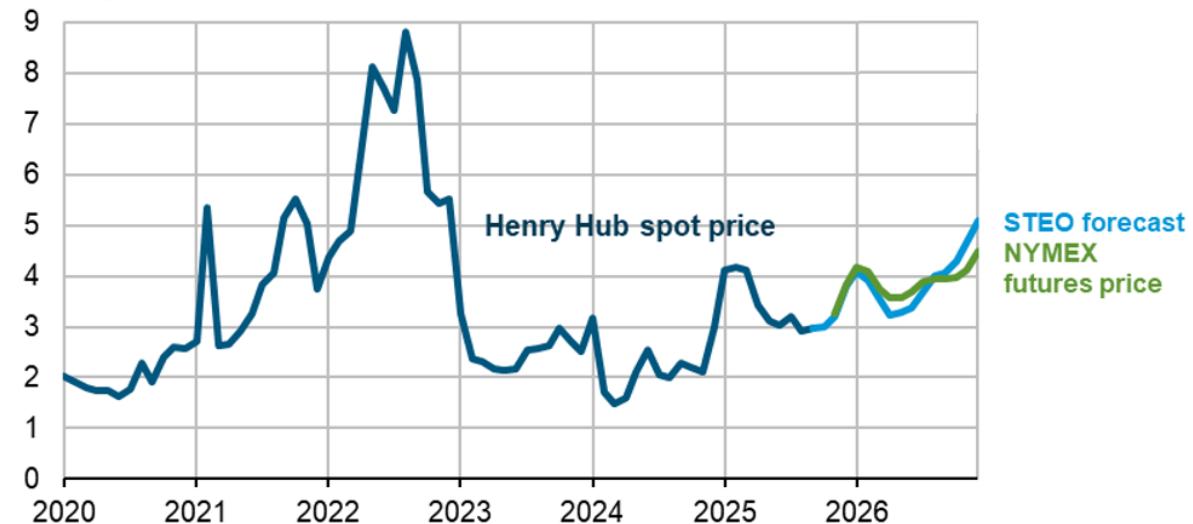
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reflect EIA's expectation that U.S. natural gas production will be higher than previously forecast, leading to more natural gas in storage compared to what was formerly predicted.

It is anticipated that the United States will add 5 billion cubic feet per day (Bcf/d) in LNG export capacity in 2026 as two significant LNG production facilities come online. It is estimated that these additions to LNG export capacity will increase total LNG exports to 16.3 Bcf/d in 2026, up from 11.9 Bcf/d in 2024.

**Figure 4. Short-Term Henry Hub natural gas price<sup>3</sup>**

**Henry Hub natural gas price and NYMEX futures price**  
dollars per million British thermal units



Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Short-Term Energy Outlook, October 2025, Bloomberg L.P., and Refinitiv an LSEG Business

Note: Futures curve is the average settlement price for five trading days ending October 2, 2025.

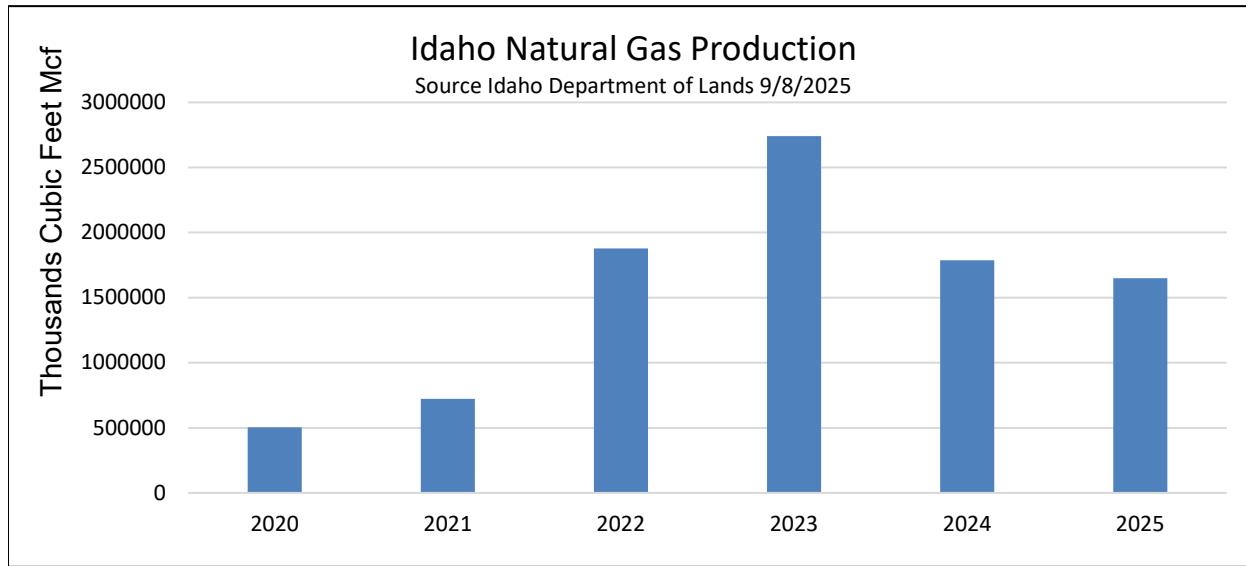


### **Idaho Natural Gas Production**

Since 2020, Willow Field development drilling has ceased, and production has declined in the field. During that same time, additional development wells have been drilled in the Harmon Field resulting in a shift of activity to the west of the initial discovery. There are also ongoing studies of the production in the Western Snake River Plain, and continuing assessment of the additional exploration and production potential which may remain in the basin.

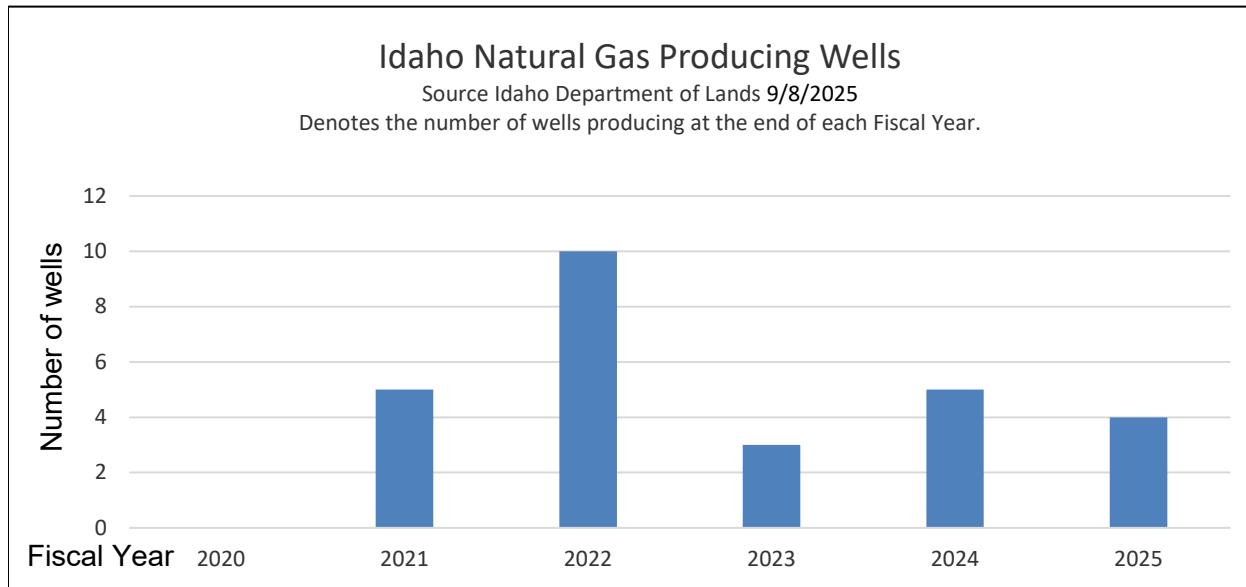
<sup>3</sup> Short-Term Energy Outlook - U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA)

**Figure 5. Idaho Historical Natural Gas Production**



The number of wells shown in Figure 6 are Idaho wells reporting to be in active production as of June 30th of the fiscal year. Wells are turned on and off at various times during the year for maintenance or other issues, so the number of wells reporting production at the end of the fiscal year may not reflect a maximum number of wells that were producing at any time during that year. Additionally, Idaho Department of Lands reports that most of Idaho's gas production occurs during the months of December, January, February, and March of the year due to greater demand and higher natural gas prices during the winter heating season.

**Figure 6. Idaho Historical Natural Gas Producing Wells**



### **Renewable Natural Gas (RNG)**

RNG is pipeline-quality biomethane produced from biogas. Biogas is the mixture of gases produced by the breakdown of organic matter in the absence of oxygen (anaerobically), primarily consisting of methane and carbon dioxide. It can be produced from raw materials such as agricultural waste, manure, municipal waste,

plant material, sewage, or food waste. It is interchangeable with natural gas and compatible with the U.S. natural gas infrastructure. In the past, RNG projects in the state consumed gas produced in their operations or used the gas to generate electricity.

As of June 2025, there are 14 dairy RNG facilities and 1 landfill RNG facility producing sufficient volumes of RNG for export onto pipeline infrastructure. Some natural gas utility companies in the state are facilitating the transportation of RNG and the growth of the RNG industry. RNG producers contract to use the utility's distribution system to move RNG from the producers to their end-use customers. The utilities are monitoring RNG production activity and government policies as they continue to look for opportunities to participate in the development and expansion of this resource.

## **Natural Gas Press Releases from the Commission for the Fiscal Year 2025**

### **Avista Utilities**

#### **Commission sets intervenor participation deadline in electric and natural gas utility's rate cases.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has set a March 12 intervenor deadline to participate in natural gas and electric rate cases filed by Avista Utilities.

Avista is seeking commission approval to increase the rates it charges to offer natural gas and electric service. Intervenors in a case are allowed to participate in the proceedings for applications submitted to the commission.

Avista is proposing to increase the electric rate for residential customers who use an average of 939 kilowatt hours per month by 14.7 percent. This represents an increase of \$15.36 per month. Customers using an average of 939 kilowatt hours per month would see their bills increase from \$104.30 to \$119.66. The utility also is proposing to increase the basic charge to \$25.00 per month, up from \$20.00 per month. Avista is asking that the rate change begin on Sept. 1, 2025.

The utility also is seeking approval for a rate increase beginning Sept. 1, 2026. If approved, electric residential customers using an average of 939 kilowatt hours per month would see an increase of 5.3 percent, or \$6.36, for a monthly bill of \$126.02. This is an increase from \$119.66 per month. The utility also is proposing an increase of \$5 per month in the basic charge, bringing it to \$30.00 per month.

In a separate case, the utility is seeking approval to increase the rate it charges for natural gas service. If the case is approved as filed, residential natural gas customers using an average of 66 therms per month would see an increase of 10.4 percent, or \$6.29, for a monthly bill of \$66.92. This is an increase from \$60.63. Avista is proposing that the increase begin on Sept. 1, 2025. The utility also is seeking an increase that would begin on Sept. 1, 2026. If approved by the commission, residential natural gas customers using an average of 66 therms per month would see an increase of 1.3 percent, or \$0.88. The monthly bill would increase to \$67.80, up from \$66.92.

The utility said it is seeking the rate increases to pay for an increase in net plant investment. It said it also saw an increase in costs for distribution, operation, maintenance, administrative and general expenses for electric and natural gas operations.

The commission can approve, deny or modify the applications.

Those interested in becoming a party to either case and participate in proceedings have until March 12, 2025, to do so. An e-mail can be sent to [secretary@puc.idaho.gov](mailto:secretary@puc.idaho.gov) to request intervenor status.

## Commission schedules online workshops, technical hearing for utility's applications to increase rates for electric and natural gas service.

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has scheduled online workshops and a technical hearing for applications submitted by Avista Utilities to increase the rates it charges for electric and natural gas service.

The utility is proposing to increase the electric rate for residential customers who use an average of 939 kilowatt hours per month by 14.7 percent. This represents an increase of \$15.36 per month. Customers using an average of 939 kilowatt hours per month would see their bills increase from \$104.30 to \$119.66. The utility also is proposing to increase the basic charge to \$25.00 per month, up from \$20.00 per month. Avista is asking that the rate change begin on Sept. 1, 2025.

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The utility said it is seeking the rate increases to pay for an increase in net plant investment. It said it also saw an increase in costs for distribution, operation, maintenance, administrative and general expenses for electric and natural gas operations.

The commission can approve, deny or modify the applications.

The workshops will be held on May 14 and May 15. Commission staff will present an overview of the applications and answer customer questions. The workshops will begin at 6:00 p.m. (MDT) and conclude at 9:00 p.m. or until all customer questions have been answered, whichever comes first.

To participate in the May 14 workshop, please visit [idahogov.webex.com](https://idahogov.webex.com), and enter meeting number 2632 014 9728 (no spaces between numbers). Then, click on the green "Join" button. At the next window, please enter this password: Avista. Next, please click on the green "Join Webinar" button. At the next window, please enter your name and e-mail address, and then click on the "Next" button. Then click on the green "Join Webinar" button.

To participate over the phone, please call 1-415-655-0001, and enter meeting number 2632 014 9728 when prompted.

To participate in the May 15 workshop, please visit [idahogov.webex.com](https://idahogov.webex.com), and enter meeting number 2631 125 1172 (no spaces between numbers). Then, click on the green "Join" button. At the next window, please enter this password: Avista. Next, please click on the green "Join Webinar" button. At the next window, please enter your name and e-mail address, and then click on the "Next" button. Then click on the green "Join Webinar" button.

To participate over the phone, please call 1-415-655-0001, and enter meeting number 2631 125 1172 when prompted.

The commission will hold a technical hearing on Wednesday, July 23. Technical hearings are held when a utility's application may be more significant to customers or present complex issues. Parties to a case cross examine witnesses and submit testimony during these hearings. The hearing will begin at 9:00 a.m. (MDT) and conclude at 5:00 p.m. It will be held at the commission's offices, 11331 W. Chinden Boulevard, Building 8, Suite 201-A, Boise, ID 83714.

Those interested in attending online can do so by visiting [idahogov.webex.com](http://idahogov.webex.com) and entering meeting number 2868 954 8113 (no spaces between numbers). Then, click on the green "Join" button. At the next window, please enter this password: Avista. Next, please click on the green "Join Webinar" button. At the next window, please enter your name and e-mail address, and then click on the "Next" button. Then click on the green "Join Webinar" button.

To participate over the phone, please call 1-415-655-0001, and enter meeting number 2868 954 8113 when prompted.

If needed, the hearing will continue on July 24. It will begin at 9:00 a.m. (MDT) and conclude at 5:00 p.m. The hearing will be held at the commission's offices, 11331 W. Chinden Boulevard, Building 8, Suite 201-A, Boise, ID 83714.

Those interested in attending online can do so by visiting [idahogov.webex.com](http://idahogov.webex.com), and entering meeting number 2630 786 1657 (no spaces between numbers). Then, click on the green "Join" button. At the next window, please enter this password: Avista. Next, please click on the green "Join Webinar" button. At the next window, please enter your name and e-mail address, and then click on the "Next" button. Then click on the green "Join Webinar" button.

To participate over the phone, please call 1-415-655-0001, and enter meeting number 2630 786 1657 when prompted.

## **Commission schedules customer hearing to take testimony on utility's application to increase the rates for electric and natural gas service.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has scheduled a customer hearing to take testimony on an application submitted by Avista Utilities to increase the rates it charges for electric and natural gas service.

The utility is proposing to increase the electric rate for residential customers who use an average of 939 kilowatt hours per month by 14.7 percent. This represents an increase of \$15.36 per month. Customers using an average of 939 kilowatt hours per month would see their bills increase from \$104.30 to \$119.66. The utility also is proposing to increase the basic charge to \$25.00 per month, up from \$20.00 per month. Avista is asking that the rate change begin on Sept. 1, 2025.

The utility also is seeking approval for a rate increase beginning Sept. 1, 2026. If approved, electric residential customers using an average of 939 kilowatt hours per month would see an increase of 5.3 percent, or \$6.36, for a monthly bill of \$126.02. This is an increase from \$119.66 per month. The utility also is proposing an increase of \$5 per month in the basic charge, bringing it to \$30.00 per month.

In the same filing, the utility is seeking approval to increase the rate it charges for natural gas service. If the application is approved as filed, residential natural gas customers using an average of 66 therms per month would see an increase of 10.4 percent, or \$6.29, for a monthly bill of \$66.92. This is an increase from \$60.63. Avista is proposing that the increase begin on Sept. 1, 2025. The utility also is seeking an increase that would begin on Sept. 1, 2026. If approved by the commission, residential natural gas customers using an average of 66 therms per month would see an increase of 1.3 percent, or \$0.88. The monthly bill would increase to \$67.80, up from \$66.92.

The utility said it is seeking the rate increases to pay for an increase in net plant investment. It said it also saw an increase in costs for distribution, operation, maintenance, administrative and general expenses for electric and natural gas operations.

The commission can approve, deny or modify the application.

The customer hearing will be held Wednesday, June 25, at the Molstead Library's Todd Lecture Hall at North Idaho College, 875 W. Garden Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814. The purpose of the hearing is to take testimony for the record. It will begin at 4:00 p.m. (PDT) and conclude at 7:00 p.m. or after all customer testimony has been taken, whichever comes first.

Those interested in listening to the hearing remotely can do so by calling 1-415-655-0001 and entering meeting number 2867 771 5779 when prompted. In-person attendance is required to submit testimony.

The hearing will continue telephonically on Thursday, June 26. It will begin at 12:00 p.m. (PDT) and end at 3:00 p.m. or after all customer testimony has been taken, whichever comes first. Those planning to testify are encouraged to call in by 11:55 a.m. (PDT) as the hearing will conclude when it appears all customer testimony has been received. Those wishing to call in and testify can do so by calling 1-415-655-0001 and entering meeting number 2861 516 9950 when prompted.

## **Parties file proposed settlement in northern Idaho utility's application to increase rates. Customer hearing will be held June 25 to take testimony on the proposed settlement.**

On June 9, 2025, Avista Utilities submitted a proposed settlement of its application to increase rates for electric and natural gas service in Idaho.

Avista originally applied for commission approval to increase electric rates for the average residential customer by 14.7 percent, or about \$15.36, beginning Sept. 1, 2025. The utility also proposed increasing the basic charge to \$25.00 per month, up from \$20.00 per month.

The utility also originally sought approval for another electric rate increase beginning Sept. 1, 2026. If approved, electric residential customers using an average of 939 kilowatt hours per month would have seen their monthly bills increase 5.3 percent, or \$6.36, along with another increase of \$5 per month in the basic charge, bringing it to \$30.00 per month.

In the same filing, the utility further sought approval to increase natural gas rates. If approved, the average monthly bill for 66 therms would have risen by 10.4 percent — from \$60.63 to \$66.92 — starting Sept. 1, 2025. A second increase would have followed on Sept. 1, 2026, raising the bill by another 1.3 percent to \$67.80.

However, the utility recently filed a proposed settlement in which it agreed to, among other things, a 6.3 percent increase to base electric rates on Sept. 1, 2025, and a 4.5 percent increase on Sept. 1, 2026, with no additional increase to the basic charge either year. The utility further agreed to a 9.2 percent increase to natural gas rates in 2025, and a .4 percent decrease in 2026. The commission can approve, deny or modify the proposed settlement.

The commission intends to keep the two previously scheduled customer hearings to take customer testimony on the proposed settlement. The first hearing will be held Wednesday, June 25, at the Molstead Library's Todd Lecture Hall at North Idaho College, 875 W. Garden Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814. The purpose of the hearing is to take testimony for the record. It will begin at 4:00 p.m. (PDT) and conclude at 7:00 p.m. or after all customer testimony has been taken, whichever comes first. In-person attendance is required to submit testimony. Those planning to testify are encouraged to arrive at the hearing location by 3:45 p.m. as the hearing will conclude when it appears all customer testimony has been received.

Those interested in listening to the hearing remotely can do so by calling 1-415-655-0001 and entering meeting number 2867 771 5779 when prompted.

The hearing will continue telephonically on Thursday, June 26. It will begin at 12:00 p.m. (PDT) and end at 3:00 p.m. or after all customer testimony has been taken, whichever comes first. Those planning to testify are encouraged to call in by 11:55 a.m. (PDT) as the hearing will conclude when it appears all customer testimony has been received. Those

wishing to call in and testify can do so by calling 1-415-655-0001 and entering meeting number 2861 516 9950 when prompted.

## Commission is accepting written comments on utility's applications to change rates for natural gas customers.

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is accepting written comments on three applications from Avista Utilities to change the rates it charges to offer service to natural gas customers in northern Idaho.

Avista Utilities is seeking commission approval to change the fixed cost adjustment ("FCA") rates for natural gas service from Nov. 1, 2025, through Oct. 31, 2026. 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, which decouples the utility's revenues from its customers' energy usage. The decoupling removes a utility's incentive to increase sales to increase revenue and profits and encourages energy conservation.

The utility also submitted an application for its purchased gas cost adjustment ("PGA"). The PGA allows Avista to adjust on a regular basis the amount it charges customers to reflect the actual cost of the natural gas provided to customers.

The third application involves the energy efficiency rider adjustment rates. Avista is seeking to recover costs associated with energy efficiency services and programs offered to customers. The utility provides customers with financial incentives or rebates for participating in the programs.

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 \$64.74 to \$58.56, a decrease of \$6.18 per month. The commission can approve, deny or modify the applications.

The commission is accepting written comments on the FCA application until Oct. 8, 2025. Comments are required to be filed through the commission's website or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To submit comments using the commission website, please visit [puc.idaho.gov](http://puc.idaho.gov) and click on the "Case Comment Form" link on the upper left side of the page. Please use case number AVU-G-25-05 when filling out the form. If using e-mail, comments are required to be sent to the commission secretary and Avista Utilities at the e-mail addresses listed below. Commenters are required to include their name, address and case number AVU-G-25-05. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the commission and Avista Utilities at the addresses listed below. Those submitting comments through the mail are required to include their name, address and case number AVU-G-25-05.

Written comments on the PGA application are being accepted until Oct. 9, 2025. Those interested in submitting comments can follow the steps above, and use case number AVU-G-25-07 instead of AVU-G-25-05. Written comments on the energy efficiency rider adjustment rates application are being accepted until Oct. 6, 2025. Those interested in submitting comments can follow the steps above, and use case number AVU-G-25-06.

## Commission approves proposed settlement that will change rates for utility's electric and natural gas customers in northern Idaho.

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has approved a proposed settlement that will change the rates Avista Utilities charges to provide natural gas and electric service to customers in northern Idaho.

The settlement, approved by the commission on Aug. 29, 2025, will allow Avista to increase base electric revenues by \$19.5 million, or 6.3 percent. The change is effective Sept. 1, 2025. In addition, base revenues will increase by \$14.7 million, or 4.5 percent effective Sept. 1, 2026. Avista will increase natural gas base revenues by \$4.6 million, or 9.2 percent effective Sept. 1, 2025. Natural gas base revenues will decrease by \$0.2 million, or 0.4 percent effective Sept. 1, 2026.

A residential electric customer using an average of 939 kilowatt hours per month will see a 6.7 percent billed increase of \$6.95 per month for a revised monthly bill of \$111.25 effective Sept. 1, 2025. There will be a 4.7 percent billed increase of \$5.22 per month for a revised monthly bill of \$116.47 effective Sept. 1, 2026.

A residential natural gas customer using an average of 66 therms per month will see a billed 6.8 percent increase of \$4.11 per month for a revised monthly bill of \$64.74 effective Sept. 1, 2025. Residential natural gas customers won't see a rate change in 2026.

## **Commission sets intervenor filing deadline in utility's applications on prudence determinations for energy efficiency program expenses.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has set an Oct. 8 deadline for interested parties to file as intervenors in two cases that will determine if expenses Avista Utilities incurred for its 2024 electric and natural gas energy efficiency programs were prudently incurred.

The programs 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 use and costs. The programs are funded by an energy efficiency rider charge on customer bills.

Avista is asking the commission to designate \$17,276,972 in electric energy efficiency program expenses as prudently incurred. The expenses were from Jan. 1, 2024, through Dec. 31, 2024. The utility also is asking the commission to designate \$2,279,817 in natural gas energy efficiency program expenses as prudently incurred. Those expenses also were from Jan. 1, 2024, through Dec. 31, 2024.

Intervenors in a case are allowed to participate in the proceedings for applications filed with the commission.

To request intervenor status, please send an e-mail to [secretary@puc.idaho.gov](mailto:secretary@puc.idaho.gov).

## **Intermountain Gas Company**

### **Natural gas utility is seeking to have energy efficiency expenditures designated as prudently incurred.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is accepting written comments on an Intermountain Gas application asking that the commission designate \$3,846,358 in energy efficiency expenditures as prudently incurred.

The utility's application included its 2023 Energy Efficiency Annual Report, an evaluation measurement, and a verification study with a billing analysis, among other items.

The commission can approve, deny or modify the application. Expenses that are found to be prudently incurred will be allowed to be recovered through the utility's residential and commercial energy efficiency charges.

The commission is accepting written comments until June 18, 2025. Comments are required to be filed through the commission's website or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To comment using the website, please visit [puc.idaho.gov](http://puc.idaho.gov) and click on the "Case Comment Form" link on the upper left side of the page. Please use case number INT-G-24-05 when filling out the form. Those submitting comments using e-mail are required to send them to the commission secretary and Intermountain Gas at the e-mail addresses listed below. Comments are required to include the commenter's name, address and case number INT-G-24-05. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the commission and Intermountain Gas at the addresses listed below. Mailed comments are required to include the commenter's name, address and case number INT-G-24-05.

## **Commission schedules public meetings and written comments deadline for utility's application to increase the rates it charges to provide natural gas to customers.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has scheduled meetings and a written comments deadline for an Intermountain Gas application to increase the rates it charges to provide natural gas to customers.

The utility is seeking commission approval to increase the average residential customer's monthly bill by 11.46 percent, or \$4.69. Intermountain Gas also is seeking approval to increase the monthly bill for commercial customers by 5.16 percent, or \$9.26. The utility said operation and maintenance costs have increased by an average of 5.3 percent since the utility's last rate case. Intermountain Gas also said it made investments in infrastructure.

The commission can approve, deny or modify the application.

Commission staff will hold an online workshop on Thursday, Aug. 28, to provide an overview of the application and answer customer questions. The workshop will begin at 6:00 p.m. (MDT) and conclude at 9:00 p.m. or after all customer questions have been answered, whichever comes first. To participate online, please visit [idahogov.webex.com](http://idahogov.webex.com) and enter meeting number 2866 656 7091 (no spaces between numbers). Then, click on the green "Join" button. At the next window, please enter this password: Commission. Next, please click on the green "Join Webinar" button. At the next window, please enter your name and e-mail address, and then click on the "Next" button. Then click on the green "Join Webinar" button.

To participate over the phone, please call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2866 656 7091 when prompted.

A customer hearing will be held on Thursday, Oct. 16, to take testimony for the record. It will begin at 4:30 p.m. (MDT) and conclude at 7:30 p.m. or after all customer testimony has been taken, whichever comes first. The hearing will be held at the commission's offices, 11331 W. Chinden Blvd., Building 8, Suite 201-A, Boise, ID 83714. Those interested in submitting testimony over the phone can do so by calling 1-415-655-0001 and entering meeting number 2631 898 0658 when prompted.

A technical hearing will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 18. A technical hearing allows parties to a case to present witnesses, testimony, and exhibits. It will begin at 9:00 a.m. (MST) and conclude at 5:00 p.m. If necessary, it will continue on Nov. 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. It will be at the commission's offices both days, 11331 W. Chinden Blvd., Building 8, Suite 201-A, Boise, ID 83714.

Those interested in listening to or watching the hearing online on Nov. 18 can do so by visiting [idahogov.webex.com](http://idahogov.webex.com) and entering meeting number 2863 417 3293 (no spaces between numbers). Then, click on the green "Join" button. At the next window, please enter this password: Commission. Next, please click on the green "Join Webinar" button. At the next window, please enter your name and e-mail address, and then click on the "Next" button. Then click on the green "Join Webinar" button.

To listen to the hearing over the phone, please call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2863 417 3293 when prompted.

If the hearing continues on Nov. 19, those interested in listening to or watching it online can do so by visiting [idahogov.webex.com](http://idahogov.webex.com) and entering meeting number 2862 738 2130 (no spaces between numbers). Then, click on the green "Join" button. At the next window, please enter this password: Commission. Next, please click on the green "Join Webinar" button. At the next window, please enter your name and e-mail address, and then click on the "Next" button. Then click on the green "Join Webinar" button.

To listen over the phone, please call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2862 738 2130 when prompted.

Written comments on the application are being accepted until Thursday, Oct. 16. Comments are required to be filed through the commission website or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To comment electronically, please visit [puc.idaho.gov](http://puc.idaho.gov) and click on the "Case Comment Form" link on the upper left side of the page. Please use case number INT-G-25-02 when filling out the form. To comment using e-mail, please send comments to the e-mail addresses listed below and include case number INT-G-25-02. Commenters are required to include their name and address. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the commission secretary and Intermountain Gas at the addresses listed below. Commenters are required to include case number INT-G-25-02, as well as their name and address.

## **Commission is accepting written comments on natural gas utility's application to change rates for customers.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is accepting written comments on an application from Intermountain Gas that would change the rates it charges customers to provide natural gas service.

The utility's rates include a base-rate component and a natural gas-related cost, Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment ("PGA"), component. The base-rate component is intended to cover fixed costs to serve customers and those costs rarely change. The PGA is a commission-approved mechanism that adjusts rates up or down to reflect changes in the utility's costs to buy natural gas from suppliers, including changes in transportation, storage, and other related costs. Intermountain Gas defers the costs into its PGA account and passes them on to customers through an increase or decrease in rates.

If approved as filed, the typical residential customer's monthly bill would decrease by \$0.06, or 0.03 percent. Large volume, commercial and transport customers would see their bills increase between \$435.10 and \$649.24, depending on their rate schedule.

The commission can approve, deny or modify the utility's application.

Written comments are being accepted until Sept. 18, 2025. Comments are required to be filed through the commission's website or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To submit comments using the commission website, please visit [puc.idaho.gov](http://puc.idaho.gov) and click on the "Case Comment Form" link on the upper left side of the page. Please use case number INT-G-25-04 when filling out the form. If using e-mail, comments are required to be sent to the commission secretary and Intermountain Gas at the e-mail addresses listed below. Commenters are required to include their name, address and case number INT-G-25-04. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the commission and Intermountain Gas at the addresses listed below. Those submitting comments through the mail are required to include their name, address and case number INT-G-25-04.

## **Commission approves natural gas utility's application to change rates for customers.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has approved an application from Intermountain Gas that will decrease the rates for some customers and increase rates for others.

The utility had sought commission approval to decrease rates for residential customers and increase rates for large volume, commercial and transport customers. The typical residential customer's monthly bill will decrease by \$0.06, or 0.03 percent. The other customer groups will see their monthly bills increase between \$435.10 and \$649.24, depending on their rate schedule.

The utility's rates include a base-rate component and a natural gas-related cost, Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment ("PGA"), component. The base-rate component is intended to cover fixed costs to serve customers and those costs rarely change. The PGA is a commission-approved mechanism that adjusts rates up or down to reflect changes in the utility's costs to buy natural gas from suppliers, including changes in transportation, storage, and other related costs. Intermountain Gas defers the costs into its PGA account and passes them on to customers through an increase or decrease in rates.

The changes in the PGA are due to an increase in estimated gas commodity and transportation costs for the approaching year, offset by lower estimated storage costs and over-collected gas costs from the prior PGA.

## **Commission vacates customer hearing, written comments deadline for natural gas utility's rate case.**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has vacated a written comments deadline and a customer hearing for an Intermountain Gas application to increase the rates it charges to provide natural gas service to customers.

A customer hearing was initially scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 16, and the deadline to submit written comments also was initially Oct. 16.

Parties to the case anticipate presenting a proposed settlement for the commission's consideration. Because a settlement has not been filed, the commission will not set a new customer hearing date and written comments deadline.

In its application, Intermountain Gas asked for commission approval to increase the average residential customer's monthly bill by 11.46 percent, or \$4.69. The utility also asked for approval to increase the monthly bill for commercial customers by 5.16 percent, or \$9.26. Intermountain Gas said operation and maintenance costs have increased by an average of 5.3 percent since the utility's last rate case, and it made investments in infrastructure.

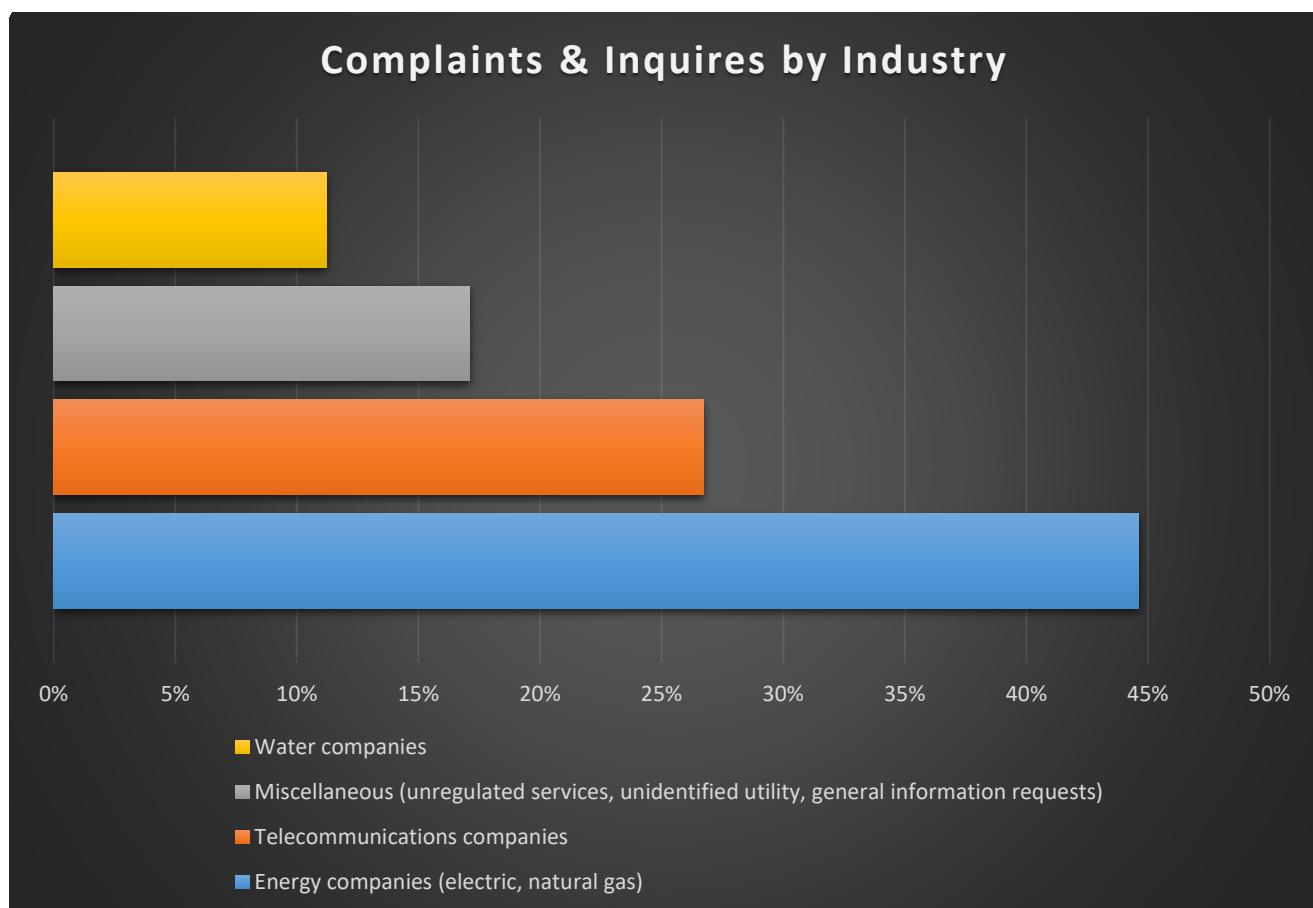
If a proposed settlement is approved by the commission, any change in rates could be different from what was requested.

The commission is continuing to accept written comments on the application. Comments are required to be filed through the commission website or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To comment electronically, please visit [puc.idaho.gov](http://puc.idaho.gov) and click on the "Case Comment Form" link on the upper left side of the page. Please use case number INT-G-25-02 when filling out the form. To comment using e-mail, please send comments to the e-mail addresses listed below and include case number INT-G-25-02. Commenters are required to include their name and address. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the commission secretary and Intermountain Gas at the addresses listed below. Commenters are required to include case number INT-G-25-02, as well as their name and address.

# CONSUMER ASSISTANCE

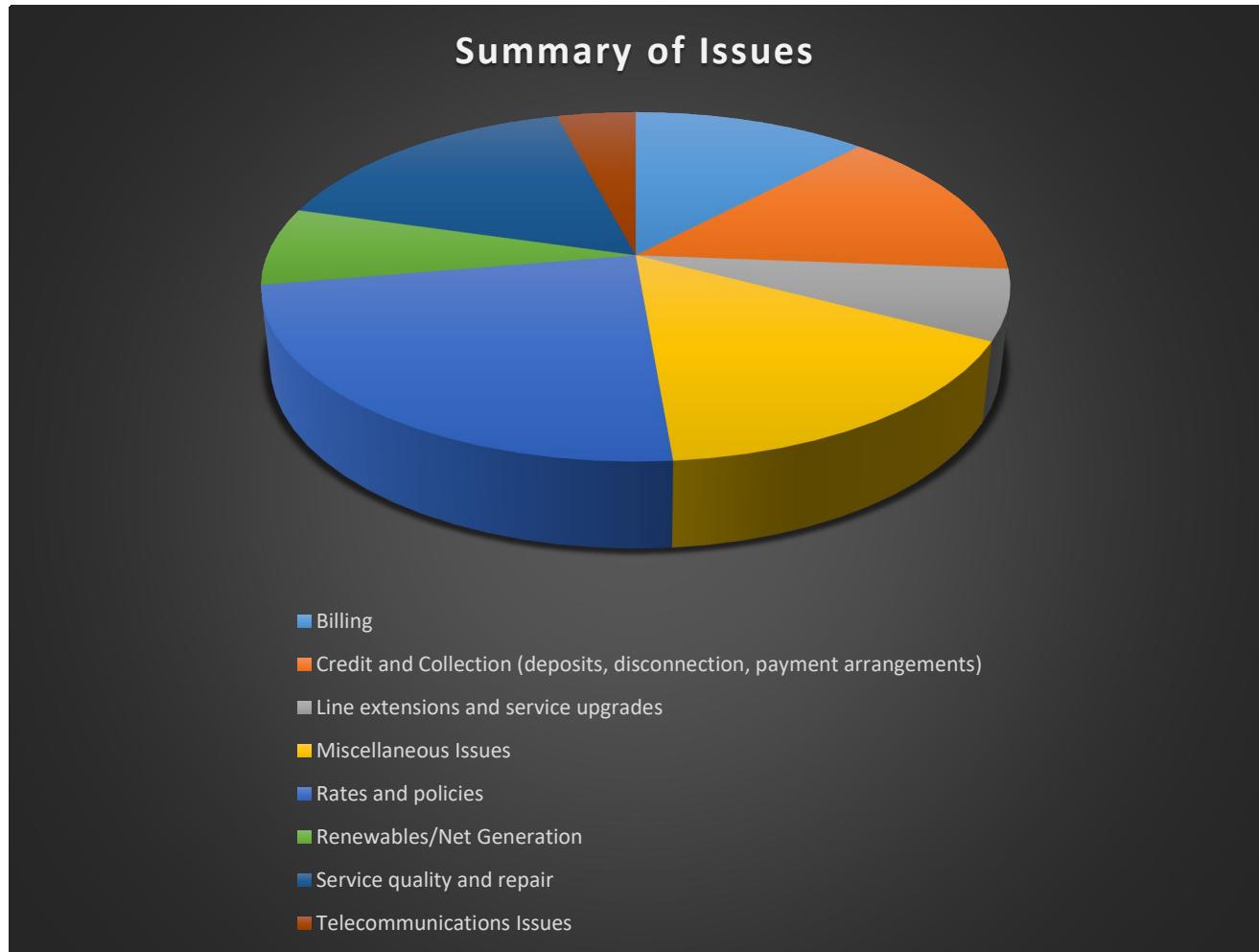
## Complaints by Industry

The Consumer Assistance staff responded to 1,356 complaints and inquiries in fiscal year 2025, a 10% increase when compared to the previous fiscal year. The majority (90%) of complaints and inquiries were from residential customers. The chart below illustrates the complaints and inquiries by industry.



## Summary of Issues

The chart below summarizes the types of issues reported to the Commission. While the Consumer Assistance staff can respond to most inquiries without extensive research, about 58 percent of complaints required investigation by the staff. Approximately 36 percent of investigations resulted in reversal or modification of the utility's original action. Payment terms were negotiated in 8 percent of the investigations.



# RAILROAD SAFETY

The Commission conducts inspections of Idaho's railroads to determine compliance with state and federal laws, rules and regulations concerning the transportation of hazardous materials, locomotive cab safety and sanitation rules, and railroad/highway grade crossings.

In 1994, Idaho was invited to participate in the Federal Railroad Administration's State Participation Program. The Commission has a State Program Manager and one FRA certified hazardous material inspector. Hazardous material inspections are conducted in rail yards.

The Commission inspects railroad-highway grade crossings where incidents occur, investigates citizen complaints of unsafe or rough crossings and conducts railroad-crossing surveys.

The Commission also plays a role when rail lines are abandoned. More than 900 miles of railroad track in Idaho have been abandoned since 1976. Federal law governs rail line abandonments, and the federal Surface Transportation Board ("STB"), formerly the Interstate Commerce Commission. The STB decides the final outcome of abandonment applications. Under Idaho law, however, after a railroad files its federal notice of intent to abandon, the Commission must determine whether the proposed abandonment would adversely affect the public interest. The Commission then reports its findings to the STB. In reaching a conclusion, the Commission considers whether abandonment would adversely affect the service area, impair market access or access of Idaho communities to vital goods and services, and whether the line has a potential for profitability.

## Railroad Activity Summary

Rail Safety Category	Totals
Idaho Railroad Track Miles	1710/996 Class I *
Hazmat Inspections	135
Rail Cars inspected	2,262
Railcar Violations	11
Railcar Defects	138
Railroad Grade Crossings Inspected	184
Crossing Accidents Investigated	13
Crossing Complaints Investigated	4
Crossing Complaints Validated	4
Locomotives Inspected	5
Locomotive defects	0

\*Source: ITD (2017)

# PIPELINE SAFETY

Idaho Code § 61-515 empowers the Commission to require every utility to “maintain and operate its line, plant, system, equipment, apparatus, and premises in such a manner that promote and safeguard the health and safety of its employees, customers and the public.”

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 60105, Chapter 601, the Commission is a certified partner with the U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline Hazardous Material Safety Administration.

The federal/state partnership provides the statutory basis for the pipeline safety program and establishes a framework for promoting pipeline safety through federal delegation to the states for all or part of the responsibility for intrastate natural gas pipeline facilities under annual certification.

Under the certification, Idaho assumes inspection and enforcement responsibility with respect to more than 9,800 miles of intrastate natural gas pipelines over which it has jurisdiction under state law. With the certification, Idaho may adopt additional or more stringent standards for intrastate pipeline facilities provided the standards are compatible with federal regulations. The Commission has a state program manager and two trained and certified pipeline safety inspectors who conduct records audits and field installed equipment inspections on all intrastate natural gas pipeline operators under its jurisdiction.

## Pipeline Safety Activity Summary

<b>Regulating Idaho's Pipeline</b>	
Standard Inspection Days	90
Compliance Inspection Days	8
Damage Prevention Inspection Days	3
Construction Inspection Days	199
Operator Qualification Inspection Days	2
Integrity Management Program Inspection Days	7.5
Incident/Accident Inspection Days	8.5
Operator Training Inspection Days	1
<b>Compliance Enforcement Actions</b>	
Notice of Probably Violation	17
Notice of Amendment	0
Warning Letters	2

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This report satisfies Idaho Code § 61-214; this is a "full and complete account" of the most significant cases to come before the Commission during the 2025 calendar year. (The financial report covers Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025). Anyone with access to the Internet may also review the Commission's agendas, notices, case information and decisions by visiting the IPUC's Web site at: [www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov). Commission records are also available for public inspection at the Commission's Boise office, 11331 W. Chinden Blvd., Bldg. 8, Suite 201-A, Boise, Idaho, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Commission, as outlined in its Strategic Plan, serves the citizens and utilities of Idaho by determining fair, just, and reasonable rates for utility commodities and services that are to be delivered safely, reliably and efficiently. During the period covered by this report, the Commission also had responsibility for ensuring all rail services operating within Idaho do so in a safe and efficient manner. The Commission also has a pipeline safety section that oversees the safe operation of the intrastate natural gas pipelines and facilities in Idaho.

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