

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	CASE NO. AVU-E-19-04
OF AVISTA CORPORATION FOR THE)	
AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES)	NOTICE OF SCHEDULING
AND CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE)	
TO ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS IN THE)	NOTICE OF
STATE OF IDAHO)	TECHNICAL HEARING
)	
)	ORDER NO. 34433
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On June 10, 2019, Avista Corporation dba Avista Utilities (“Avista” or the “Company”) applied to increase its base rates for electric service it provides to customers in Idaho. Specifically, Avista seeks to increase its electric base revenues by \$5.3 million dollars (2.1%). *Application* at 1. The Company states the proposed rate increase also reflects the present Permanent Federal Income Tax Rate Credit under electric tariff Schedule 72 being consolidated into its base rates. *Id.* Avista requests that the proposed rate increase for electric service in Idaho take effect on January 1, 2020.

On July 1, 2019, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and Notice of Intervention Deadline and suspended the proposed effective date for any changes in the Company’s rates, as proposed in its tariffs, to January 1, 2020, unless the Commission issues an earlier Order accepting, rejecting, or modifying Avista's Application.¹ *See* Order No. 34368. The Idaho Forest Group LLC, Clearwater Paper Corporation, Idaho Conservation League, Walmart Inc. and the Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho intervened as parties. *See* Order Nos. 34369, 34374 and 34384.

With this Order, we adopt the parties proposed schedule for this case and schedule a technical hearing for the parties to testify before the Commission. The Commission intends to schedule one or more public workshops and public hearings for Avista customers in the Company’s service territory in a separate Order to be issued at a later date.

¹ Avista’s proposed tariffs specify a July 10, 2019, effective date for these proposed increases.

NOTICE OF SCHEDULING

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that, based on discussion and agreement between the parties, the Commission adopts the following procedural schedule:

Settlement Conference for parties	October 1, 2019
Staff/Intervenor Prefile Testimony for parties	November 5, 2019
Company Rebuttal	November 26, 2019
Technical Hearing	December 17-18, 2019

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all testimony and exhibits in this matter must comport with the requirements of Rule 231 and 267 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure. IDAPA 31.01.01.231 and .267.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the parties have been directed to serve discovery, testimony, and exhibits among themselves by electronic mail pursuant to Rule 63. IDAPA 31.01.01.063.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that when filing discovery with the Commission, the parties shall provide an original and three copies to the Commission Secretary. IDAPA 31.01.01.061.02.

NOTICE OF TECHNICAL HEARING

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will conduct a technical hearing on **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2019, COMMENCING AT 9:30 A.M. (MST) IN THE COMMISSION HEARING ROOM, 11331 W. CHINDEN BLVD, BUILDING 8, SUITE 201A, BOISE, IDAHO 83714 AND CONTINUING ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2019, if necessary.**

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all hearings in this matter will be held in facilities meeting the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Persons needing the help of a sign language interpreter or other assistance in order to participate in or to understand testimony and argument at a public hearing may ask the Commission to provide a sign language interpreter or other assistance at the hearing. The request for assistance must be received at least five (5) working days before the hearing by contacting the Commission Secretary at:

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the record in this matter is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. The record is available on the Commission's web site at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click on the "File Room" tab at the top of the page, scroll down to and click on "Electric Cases," and then click on Case No. AVU-E-19-04.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000, *et seq.*

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED the procedural schedule proposed by the parties set forth in the above Notice of Scheduling is adopted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a technical hearing will commence in this matter on Tuesday, December 17, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. (MST) in the Commission Hearing Room and continuing on Wednesday, December 18, 2019, if necessary.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this
day of September 2019.

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PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

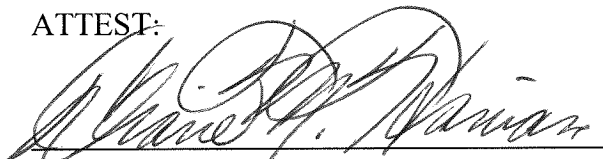


KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER



ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



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