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**NEWS RELEASE:** Idaho Public Utilities Commission sets public comment deadline on Avista application to increase surcharge rate for electric customers

**BOISE (Aug. 19, 2021)** – The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is accepting public comment until Sept. 9 on an application from Avista to increase its annual Power Cost Adjustment surcharge rate from 0.015 cents per kilowatt hour to 0.251 cents per kilowatt hour.

Avista, which serves electric and natural gas customers in northern Idaho, reported higher overall power supply expenses than are included in electric retail rates. Avista said increased power supply expenses that were driven primarily by increases in thermal generation and changes in natural gas generation resulted in supply expenses of \$12.5 million. Avista also said the surcharges were offset by favorable net purchases and transmission expense for a \$4.7 million rebate.

If Avista's application is approved, electric residential customers using an average of 896 kilowatts per month would see monthly bills increase 2.5 percent, from \$85.63 to \$87.74. The company has requested an effective date of Oct. 1, 2021.

The annual Power Cost Adjustment tracks changes in Avista's hydroelectric generation, secondary prices, thermal fuel costs and other changes in power contract revenues and expenses.

Written comments on Avista's application are being accepted until Sept. 9, 2021. Comments are required to be filed by e-mail unless e-mail is unavailable. To submit comments via e-mail, please visit the commission's webpage at [puc.idaho.gov](http://puc.idaho.gov). Click on the "Consumers" tab toward the top of the page, then click on the "Case Comment Form." Please use case number AVU-E-21-09 when filling out the form. Any comments should also be e-mailed to Avista at the e-mail addresses listed below.

If e-mail is unavailable, comments may be mailed to the commission and Avista at these addresses:

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For additional information on Avista's application, please visit: [puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/6737](http://puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/6737).