



*Case Nos. AVU-E-17-04, AVU-E-17-05, AVU-E-17-06, AVU-E-17-07*

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## **Avista seeks approval for changes to several billing mechanisms, comment deadlines set**

**BOISE (Aug. 16, 2017)** – Avista is seeking approval to modify four annual rate adjustments that, combined, would lead to a 2-percent increase in energy-use charges for residential electric customers in Idaho.

Annual rate adjustments are essentially true-up mechanisms that can fluctuate annually in order to allow the company to recover expenses when they fall short of revenue, or to reimburse customers when revenue exceeds costs.

Two of the proposed changes would lead to a decrease in the cost per kilowatt-hour (kWh) used: the Power Cost Adjustment and the Residential and Small Farm Energy Rate Adjustment Credit.

Two of the changes would increase those energy-use charges: the Fixed Cost Adjustment and the Energy Efficiency Rider Adjustment.

If approved by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, Avista's proposed changes would lead to an overall increase of 1.1 percent to energy-use charges across all customer classes, effective Oct. 1.

Residential customers would see a 2-percent increase. That equates to a \$1.73 increase to the monthly bill of the average residential customer using 910 kWh.

These rate adjustment requests are separate from the general rate cases the utility submitted in June that call for increases to base rates for electric and natural gas service to be phased in over the next two years. These filings are also not related to the proposed sale of the company.

Avista's applications are available for review on the Commission's website, [www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov). To access an application or other documents related to the case, click on "Open Cases" under the "Electric" heading and scroll down to Case No. AVU-E-17-04 for the Fixed Cost Adjustment proposal, AVU-E-17-05 for information on the Residential and

Small Farm Energy Rate Adjustment Credit, AVU-E-17-06 for the Energy Efficiency Rider Adjustment and AVU-E-17-07 for the Power Cost Adjustment proposal.

To comment on any of these proposals, go to the Commission's website, click on the "Case Comment Form" under the "Electric" heading and complete the form, including the case number(s). The deadlines to submit written comments are:

Aug. 31: FCA (Case No. AVU-E-17-04)

Sept. 14: Energy Efficiency Rider Adjustment (AVU-E-17-06)

Sept. 15: PCA (AVU-E-17-07)

Sept. 20: Residential and Small Farm Energy Rate Adjustment Credit (AVU-E-17-05)