

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE RESIDENTIAL ) CASE NO. AVU-E-18-08**  
**AND SMALL FARM ANNUAL RATE )**  
**ADJUSTMENT FILING OF AVISTA ) NOTICE OF APPLICATION**  
**CORPORATION )**  
**) NOTICE OF**  
**) MODIFIED PROCEDURE**  
**)**  
**) ORDER NO. 34127**

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On July 31, 2018, Avista Corporation dba Avista Utilities applied to the Commission for authorization to implement a Residential and Small Farm Energy rate credit, for rate schedules 1, 12, 22, 32, and 48, of 0.069 cents per kilowatt-hour. Application at 1. Avista states that this rate represents an increase of \$0.1 million to qualifying customers and requests an effective date of October 1, 2018. *Id.* at 1-2. Avista requests that the Application be processed under Modified Procedure. *Id.* at 2.

The Commission now issues this Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure setting a comment deadline.

**BACKGROUND**

The Residential and Small Farm Energy credit rate results from an agreement between the Company and the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) regarding the Residential Exchange Program. *Id.* The Residential Exchange Program provides a share of the benefits of the federal Columbia River power system to the residential and small-farm customers of the six investor-owned utilities of the Pacific Northwest, including Avista. *Id.* at 2-3.

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the current Residential and Small Farm credit rate is 0.078 cents per kilowatt-hour. *Id.* at 3. The proposed credit rate of 0.069 cents per kilowatt-hour is designed to pass through approximately \$0.84 million which is the Idaho portion of BPA benefits, offset by the over-refunded balance from the prior year, starting in October 2018. *Id.* While the level of BPA benefits is consistent with what is currently being passed back to customers today, the offset by the over-refunded balance results in the reduced credit. *Id.* at 3.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the overall increase to qualifying customers under the proposed rate credit is \$0.1 million, or 0.1%. *Id.* at 4.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company explains that the change in the credit rate does not affect its net income. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company indicates that it will bring the Application to the attention of its customers via a news release and a customer notice explaining each of several rate filings. *Id.* at 5.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application and supporting documentation have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. These documents are also available on the Commission's web site at [www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov). Click on the "File Room" tab at the top of the page, then select "Electric Cases" and click on the case number as shown on the front of this document.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this case will be held pursuant to the Commission's jurisdiction under Title 61 of the Idaho Code and specifically *Idaho Code* §§ 61-502 and 61-503. The Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

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.*

#### **NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE**

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a formal hearing in this matter, and that it will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201 through .204. The Commission notes that Modified Procedure and written comments have proven to be an effective means for obtaining public input and participation.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any person desiring to state a position on this Application may file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission no later than **21 days after the service date of the Order**. The comment must contain a statement of reasons supporting the comment. Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing

in their written comments. Written comments concerning this Application shall be mailed to the Commission and the Company at the addresses reflected below:

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These comments should contain the case caption and case number shown on the first page of this document. Persons desiring to submit comments via e-mail may do so by accessing the Commission's home page located at [www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov). Click the "Case Comment or Question Form" under the "Consumers" tab, and complete the comment form using the case number as it appears on the front of this document. These comments must also be sent to Avista at the e-mail addresses listed above.


YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider this matter on its merits and enter its Order without a formal hearing. If written comments are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider them and, in its discretion, may set the same for formal hearing.

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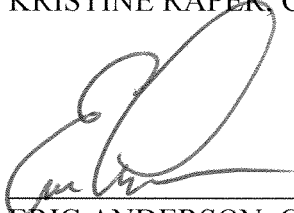
**ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Application of Avista Utilities be processed by Modified Procedure, Rule 201-204 (IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204). Persons interested in submitting written comments must do so no later than 21 days after the service date of the Order.


DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 2018.

  
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PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

  
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KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER

  
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ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

  
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Commission Secretary

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