

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION) CASE NO. AVU-G-19-05
OF AVISTA TO MODIFY SCHEDULES 131,)
132, 146, AND 182 AND TO ADD SCHEDULE) NOTICE OF APPLICATION
181 IN ORDER TO CLARIFY PROVISIONS)
APPLICABLE TO INTERRUPTIBLE AND) NOTICE OF
TRANSPORTATION CUSTOMERS AND) MODIFIED PROCEDURE
UPDATE ITS CURTAILMENT PROCESS)
ORDER NO. 34430

On August 14, 2019, Avista (“Avista” or “Company”) submitted Tariff Advice No. 19-01-G (“Tariff Advice”), requesting to modify its Schedules 131, 132, 146, and 182, plus create a Schedule 181. The Company’s proposed tariff modifications are designed to clarify provisions that apply to interruptible and transportation customers, and the curtailment processes for all natural gas customers. The Company asks that the proposed changes take effect September 27, 2019.

At the August 27, 2019 Decision Meeting, Commission Staff noted that the Company’s proposed Tariff Advice would increase the curtailment penalty from \$1 per therm to \$10 per therm. The Commission finds the public should be allowed an opportunity to comment on this proposed increase.

With this Order, the Commission converts the Tariff Advice into an Application to be processed by Modified Procedure, suspends the Company’s proposed effective date, and establishes public comment and Company reply deadlines.

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company proposes to open a new schedule, Schedule 181—Natural Gas Transportation Service Terms and Conditions (“Schedule 181”), by moving the applicable language from Schedule 146 and revising it, as appropriate, to encourage consistency between the Company’s other jurisdictions.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED the Company proposes to revise language in Schedules 131 and 132—Interruptible Service, to ensure consistency with the language from Schedule 181.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED the Company proposes to change the name of Schedule 182 to “Plan for Natural Gas Curtailment.” The Company also proposes to: 1) clarify the

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curtailment process by schedule instead of by usage if a curtailment event occurs;¹ and 2) increase the curtailment penalty from \$1 per therm to \$10 per therm for customers who have their service curtailed but continue to use gas.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application and supporting documents have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission’s office. These documents are also available on the Commission’s web site at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click on the “Open Cases” link under the heading “Gas” and click on the case number as shown on the front of this document.

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.*

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, including *Idaho Code* §§ 61-307, 61-501-61-503, and 61-622 . The Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

SUSPENSION OF PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, given the public interest in having adequate time to comment on this case, the Commission finds it appropriate to suspend the Company’s proposed effective date of September 27, 2019, for a period of 30 days plus five (5) months, unless the Commission issues an earlier order accepting, rejecting, or modifying the Company’s Application. *See Idaho Code* § 61-622(4).

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 by no**

¹ The order of curtailment in the Company’s proposed Tariff 182 is as follows: 1) Schedule 146—transportation of customer-owned gas; 2) Schedule 111 and 112—Large General Service customers; 3) Schedule 101—General Service customers; and 4) Essential Human Needs customers.

later than 21 days from the service date of this 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 may be mailed to the Commission and the Company at the addresses reflected below:

For the Commission:
Commission Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
PO Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0074

Street Address for Express Mail:
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For the Company:
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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. Click the "Utility 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.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company may file reply comments, if necessary, by **no later than 28 days from the service date of this Order.**

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Company's proposed September 27, 2019 effective date is suspended for a period of 30 days plus five (5) months, unless the Commission issues an earlier order accepting, rejecting, or modifying the Application. *See Idaho Code § 61-622(4).*

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Company's Application be processed by Modified Procedure, Rule 201-204. *See IDAPA 31.01.01.201 through .204.* Persons interested in submitting written comments must do so by no later than 21 days from the service date of this Order. The Company may file reply comments, if necessary, by no later than 28 days from the service date of this order.

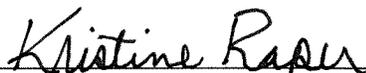
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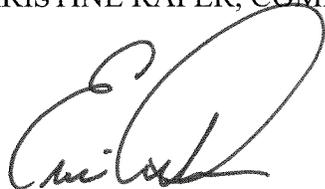
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 29th
day of August 2019.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT



KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER



ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



Diane M. Hanian
Commission Secretary

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