

# Important Notice for Idaho Customers

(September 2022)

Avista has filed two rate adjustment requests with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (Commission), that if approved, are designed to increase overall natural gas revenue by approximately \$13.8 million or 15.7% effective Nov. 1, 2022. These filings have no impact on Avista's earnings.

The **first** adjustment is related to the annual Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment (PGA) filing. The PGA is filed each year to balance the actual cost of wholesale natural gas purchased by Avista to serve customers with the amount included in rates. This includes the natural gas commodity cost as well as the cost to transport natural gas on interstate pipelines to Avista's local distribution system. The increase is primarily driven by the increase in wholesale natural gas costs that were higher than the level included in rates during the past year. If approved, Avista's request is designed to increase annual natural gas revenues by approximately \$11.2 million or 12.7%.

The **second** filing is the natural gas Energy Efficiency filing. The energy efficiency adjustment is related to the funding of Avista's natural gas energy efficiency programs. This adjustment aligns the amount that is collected in customer rates with the actual costs to run and deliver the programs. Avista's energy efficiency programs are designed to provide a financial incentive or rebate for cost-effective energy efficiency measures. The Commission approves the amount of funding for these important programs through a portion of energy rates. The rate increase proposed reflects the higher level of funding needed to operate the programs in the coming years. If approved, Avista's request is designed to increase natural gas revenues by approximately \$2.6 million or 3.0%.

## Customer Bills

### *Natural Gas*

If the natural gas PGA and the Energy Efficiency filings are approved, residential natural gas customers in Idaho using an average of 63 therms per month would see their monthly bills increase from \$61.30 to \$70.52, an increase of \$9.22 per month, or approximately 15.0%. The proposed natural gas rate changes would be effective Nov. 1, 2022.

The net effect, on an annual revenue basis, for the requested natural gas rate changes by rate schedule are:

## Proposed Natural Gas Rate Change by Schedule (effective November 1, 2022)

Schedule No.	Rate Schedule	Change in Billed Revenue
101	General Service Schedule	15.0%
111/112	Large General Service Schedule	18.3%
146	Transportation Service Schedule	0.0%
	<b>Overall</b>	<b>15.7%</b>

### Rate Application Procedure

The Company's applications are proposals, subject to public review and a Commission decision. Copies of the applications are available for public review at the offices of both the Commission and Avista, and on the Commission's website ([www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov)). Customers may file with the Commission written comments related to the Company's filings. Customers may also subscribe to the Commission's RSS feed (<http://www.puc.idaho.gov/rssfeeds/rss.htm>) to receive periodic updates via e-mail about the case. Copies of rate filings are also available on our website, [www.myavista.com/rates](http://www.myavista.com/rates).

If you would like to submit comments on the proposed rate change, you can do so by going to the Commission website or mailing comments to:

### Idaho Public Utilities Commission

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