Avista Announces New Vice President Appointments

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Leadership changes focus on enhancing strategic execution and future growth

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 10, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Avista **(NYSE: AVA)** today announced changes to its leadership team, effective Oct. 1, 2026, as part of a planned succession strategy designed to enhance the company's strategic execution, support future growth and strengthen leadership continuity. **Alicia Gibbs**, currently Director of Innovation and Strategy, has been appointed Vice President, Growth, Innovation and Strategy. **Patrick Ehrbar**, currently Director of Regulatory Affairs, has been appointed Vice President, Regulatory Affairs.

In her new role, Gibbs will lead efforts focused on growth, innovation and long-range strategic planning. Gibbs joined Avista in 2009 and has held leadership roles across strategy, natural gas operations, electric operations, shared services, customer service and process improvement.

Ehrbar will continue leading Avista's regulatory affairs efforts as Vice President, Regulatory Affairs. Ehrbar joined Avista in 1998 and has held numerous leadership roles involving regulatory affairs, rates and tariffs, customer solutions and demand-side management.

"I am pleased to promote Alicia Gibbs and Patrick Ehrbar into these key leadership roles," said Avista President and CEO Heather Rosentrater. "Alicia's broad experience across our business and her ability to connect strategy, innovation and execution have been of significant value to Avista."

"Patrick's extensive regulatory expertise and deep understanding of our industry have helped support positive outcomes for our customers and stakeholders. I am confident Alicia and Patrick will continue helping move our organization forward as we execute our long-term strategy."

The changes also support Avista's planned transition as Jason Thackston, Senior Vice President, Growth, Policy and External Relations, prepares to retire at the end of 2026. Avista is filling in behind him by aligning key responsibilities across the officer team, adding leadership capacity and ensuring continuity through the transition.

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