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Re: Northwest Industrial Gas Users' Release of Issue
Fund Grant in UG-181

Dear Commissioners:

As you may recall, on November 29, 2007, the Northwest Industrial Gas Users (NWIGU) filed a Notice of Intent to Request an Issue Fund Grant in this docket. On January 16, 2008, NWIGU filed a proposed budget in the amount of \$12,526.00. The Commission approved an Issue Fund Grant for NWIGU in the amount of \$10,020.80 on January 29, 2008. Re Avista, OPUC Docket No. UG-181, Order No. 08-108 (January 29, 2008).

NWIGU and the other parties were able to negotiate a settlement early in the process that resolved all issues in the proceeding, which has been approved by the Commission. Because of the early settlement, NWIGU did not incur expert witness costs and incurred significantly less legal expense than the authorized amount. As a result, NWIGU will be releasing the Issue Fund granted to NWIGU in UG-181. NWIGU will instead be including its additional legal costs incurred after January 1, 2008 until the close of the proceeding in its next Avista matching fund request.

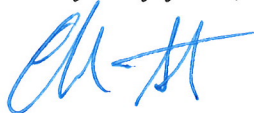
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Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



Chad M. Stokes

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I CERTIFY that I have on this day served the foregoing document upon all parties of record in this proceeding via electronic mail or by mailing a copy properly addressed with first class postage prepaid.

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