



1 BACKGROUND

2 The Intervenor Funding Agreement, Third Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding  
3 Agreement Order No. 15-335 dated October 20, 2015 and later replaced with the Fourth  
4 Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement Order No. 18-017 dated January 17,  
5 2018, between the Company, Citizens’ Utility Board of Oregon (“CUB”) and Northwest  
6 Industrial Gas Users (“NWIGU”) established three funds from which grants could be made  
7 (CUB Fund, Preauthorized Matching Fund and an Issues Fund).

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9 DESCRIPTION OF EXPENSES

10 The Intervenor Funding Agreement provides that pre-certified intervenors must submit a  
11 proposed fund budget to the Commission that contains the following information:

- 12 1) A statement of the work to be performed by the applicant for which the applicant is  
13 seeking an Issue Fund Grant;
- 14 2) A description of the areas to be investigated by the intervenor;
- 15 3) A description of the particular customer class(es) that will benefit from the  
16 intervenor’s participation;
- 17 4) Identification of the specific account or accounts from which the intervenor is seeking  
18 an Issue Fund Grant and an estimate of the amount of available funds in that account;
- 19 5) A budget showing estimated attorney fees, which may include the cost for appropriate  
20 support staff and operational support;
- 21 6) A budget showing estimated consultant fees and expert witness fees, which may  
22 include the cost for appropriate support staff and operational support; and
- 23 7) A representation that the intervenor will use matching funds from either in-house

resources or outside funding to account for or pay at least 20 percent of the “Eligible Expenses” for the work to be performed for which the intervenor is seeking an Issue Fund Grant.

After Commission approval of the proposed budget, the intervenor must file a Request for Payment with the Commission. If the request meets the Intervenor Funding Agreement requirements, the Commission will order payment and specify which customer class will be responsible for the grant.

Sub-accounts of FERC account number 191 is used to record the grant payments, specifically account numbers 191720, 191721 and 191722.

GRANTS APPROVED THIS PERIOD

On September 11, 2018, by Order No. 18-333, the Commission approved continued deferred accounting treatment for the three Intervenor Funds. In accordance with that Order the Company deferred the following:

**Table 1 Current Deferrals:**

	CUB Fund (191720)	Preauthorized Matching Fund (191721)	Issues Fund (191722)
Per Order No. 18-287			\$2,000
Per Order No. 18-345			\$5,803
Per Order No. 18-350			\$35,760
Per Order No. 18-379		\$18,469	
Per Order No. 19-004	\$44,500		
Per Order No. 19-127		\$9,971	
Interest	\$2,884	\$1,305	\$4,464
Balance at 06-30-2019	\$47,384	\$29,745	48,027

RECOVERY OF INTERVENOR FUNDING GRANTS

On November 22, 2011, in accordance with Commission Order No. 11-470, the Company began amortizing the Intervenor Funding deferrals through Schedule 476. Effective October 31, 2019, balances for the Residential and Industrial accounts are estimated to be:

**Table 2 Unamortized Residual Balances:**

	Residential <u>Acct</u> <u>191723</u>	Industrial <u>Acct</u> <u>191724</u>
Balance at June 30, 2019	\$12,267	\$10,650
Less: Amortization	\$11,545	\$10,537
Add: Interest	\$74	\$53
Balance at October 31, 2019	<u>\$796</u>	<u>\$166</u>

SCHEDULE 476 TARIFF FILING

In conjunction with its annual PGA filing in July 2019, Avista will request to recover the current deferral balances (Table 1), and the remaining unamortized residual balances (Table 2), over the upcoming traditional PGA period (November 1, 2019 – October 31, 2020).

If approved, the funds in general ledger account 191720 (CUB Fund) in the amount of \$47,384 will be transferred to Account 191723 (Residential); the funds in general ledger account 191721 (Preauthorized Matching Fund) in the amount of \$29,745 will be transferred to 191724 (Industrial); and, of the \$48,027 balance in general ledger account 191722 (Issues Fund), \$2,401 will be transferred to 191723 for Residential Customers, and \$45,626 will be transferred to 191724 for Industrial customers for amortization. These amounts do not include interest that will be accrued from July 1, 2019 through October 31, 2019 in accordance with the Intervenor Funding Agreement previously approved by the Commission.

FUTURE ESTIMATED DEFERRALS

