

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UG 284

In the Matter of)	
)	CUB REQUEST FOR AN ISSUE
AVISTA CORPORATION, DBA AVISTA)	FUND GRANT & PROPOSED
UTILITIES')	BUDGET
)	
Request for a General Rate Revision)	
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The Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (“CUB”) estimates eligible expenses of \$75,200 and requests a grant of \$22,078 from the Avista Utilities (“Avista”) Issue Fund. This presumes a fully litigated case; settlement of some or all of the issues would likely reduce our total request for reimbursement. CUB staff will keep track of their participation by hours and activity.

CUB is precertified per OAR 860-012-0100(3)(a). UG 284 is an eligible proceeding under the Second Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (“IFA”), as approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission in Order No. 12-452, entered November 20, 2012. The proceeding directly affects Avista, which is a participating public utility under the IFA. *See* IFA at Article 1(k). CUB filed its Notice of Intent to Request an Issue Fund Grant concurrent with its Notice of Intervention, as required by the IFA (Article 6.2).

Pursuant to paragraph 6.3 of the IFA, the proposed budget must identify certain points of information. CUB provides the information below.

(a) Statement of Work to Be Performed: CUB intends to participate in every procedural aspect of this case. CUB participated in the pre-hearing conference. We will attend, either in person or by phone, and participate in all or most workshops, settlement meetings, hearings, and any Commission presentations. We will review and analyze Avista's testimony and briefs. We will review and analyze testimony and briefs filed by other parties. We will pursue discovery of Avista through data requests, and will respond to data requests asked of us. We will file testimony, briefs, and present our recommendations to the Commission including any proposed modifications or conditions.

(b) Description of Areas to Be Investigated: CUB intends to investigate issues including, but not limited to:

- A. Rate base additions, including project Compass and pipeline additions;
- B. LRIC study and the relating rate spread;
- C. Avista's asset management program;
- D. The allocation of costs across Avista's system; and
- E. Issues raised by other parties to the proceeding.

(c) Description of the Class or Classes Benefiting from CUB's Participation:

CUB represents the interests of Avista's residential customers, though other customer classes may benefit from many aspects of our participation.

(d) The Fund from Which CUB Seeks an Issue Fund Grant & Available Funds: CUB is seeking an issue fund grant from the 2014 and 2015 Avista Issue Funds. CUB's budget shows eligible expenses of \$75,200, but CUB limits its request in this case to \$22,078 due to other pending Avista dockets and in consideration of requests that

may be made by other intervenors. CUB requests that \$4,828 be approved from Avista's 2014 Issue Fund and \$17,250 from Avista's 2015 Issue Fund. Section 4.4 of the IFA permits the Commission to "approve an Issue Fund Grant from funds that will be made available in the next calendar year when the proceeding for which the Issue Fund are inadequate to provide the level of Issue Fund Grants that the Commission determines is appropriate." Although some work and settlement conferences for UG 284 will take place in 2014, a majority of the activity in this docket is expected to take place in 2015. Given the limited funds available in Avista's 2014 Issue Fund and the fact that a majority of the work in UG 284 is expected to take place in 2015, CUB respectfully requests that the Commission approve CUB's request for \$17,250 from Avista's 2015 Issue Fund.

(e) *The Budget Showing Estimated Fees and Costs:* CUB's budget accompanies this document as Attachment A.

(f) *A Representation of the Use of Matching Funds:* The budget and an accounting for the use of matching funds accompany this document as Attachment A.

Dated this 23rd day of August, 2014
Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Jenks", written in a cursive style.

Bob Jenks
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Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon

CUB Proposed Budget -- UG 284

CUB Internal Expenses	Rate	Hours	Cost
<i>Staff</i>			
Bob Jenks, Executive Director	\$250	55.00	\$13,750.00
Catriona McCracken, General Counsel	\$250	85.00	\$21,250.00
Jaime McGovern, Senior Utility Analyst	\$225	130.00	\$29,250.00
Nadine Hanhan, Utility Analyst	\$125	30.00	\$3,750.00
Sommer Templet, Staff Attorney	\$175	40.00	\$7,000.00
<i>Other Expenses</i>			
Printing & Mailing			\$50.00
Travel			\$150.00
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In-House Resources			
20% of Eligible Expenses			(\$15,040)
Total			\$60,160
Budget Request*			\$22,078.00

*CUB requests \$4,828 from Avista's 2014 Issue Fund and \$17,250 from Avista's 2015 Issue Fund.

UG 284 – CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on this 23rd day of October, 2014, I served the foregoing **CUB REQUEST FOR AN ISSUE FUND GRANT & PROPOSED BUDGET** in docket UG 284 upon each party listed in the UG 284 PUC Service List by email and, where paper service is not waived, by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, and upon the Commission by email and by sending one original and one copy by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, to the Commission's Salem offices.

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