

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

**UG 325**

In the Matter of	)	
	)	CUB REQUEST FOR AN ISSUE
AVISTA CORPORATION, dba AVISTA	)	FUND GRANT &
UTILITIES,	)	PROPOSED BUDGET
	)	
Request for a General Rate Revision.	)	
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The Oregon Citizens' Utility Board (“CUB”) estimates eligible expenses of \$50,000 before the 20% match, and requests a grant of \$40,000 from the 2017 Avista Issue Fund. CUB has been tracking its participation in this docket by hours and activity.

CUB is pre-certified per OAR 860-012-0100(3)(a). UG 325 is an eligible proceeding under the Third Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (“IFA”), as approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission in Order No. 15-335, entered October 20, 2015. 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 prehearing conference, and will participate in all workshops and settlement meetings. We will pursue discovery of

Avista through data requests. CUB will review and analyze testimony and briefs yet to be filed in this docket. We will file testimony and a prehearing brief, we will participate in the hearing, and we will file a post-hearing brief in this docket.

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

1. Capital investments
2. Other cost increases
3. Load forecast
4. Rate spread and rate design
5. Issues raised by other parties

*(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 a \$40,000 grant from the 2017 Avista Issue Fund. CUB's budget shows eligible expenses of \$50,000, but CUB limits its request in this case to \$40,000. CUB respectfully requests that the Commission approve CUB's request for a \$40,000 grant from the 2017 Avista 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Jenks". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Bob Jenks  
Executive Director  
Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon

**CUB Proposed Budget -- UG 325**

<b>CUB Internal Expenses</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<i>Staff</i>			
Bob Jenks, Executive Director	\$250	40.00	\$10,000.00
Jaime McGovern, Senior Economist	\$225	120.00	\$27,000.00
Mike Goetz, Staff Attorney	\$175	65.00	\$11,375.00
Sarah Ryan-Knox, Paralegal	\$75	20.00	\$1,500.00
<i>Other Expenses</i>			
Printing, Mailing & Travel			\$125.00
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<b>In-House Resources</b>			
20% of Eligible Expenses			(\$10,000)
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$40,000</b>