

WALKER Cheryl

From: POWER Patrick
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2017 3:53 PM
To: WALKER Cheryl
Subject: FW: UM 1897 - Request to Extend Filing Deadline for Intervenor Budget

Cheryl:

Please docket this as a motion.

Thanks,

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Judge Power –

According to the schedule in UM 1897, proposed budgets are due today for intervenor funding. I am writing on behalf of the Northwest Industrial Gas Users to request a limited extension of that deadline in this docket.

Currently, Avista's Issue Fund Account has an uncommitted balance of only \$0.50. Since the schedule for this docket goes into 2018, we would normally ask for an advance from next year's funds in order to meet the budget filing deadline. However, Section 4.4 of the Intervenor Funding Agreement expressly prohibits any advances during the last year of the Agreement. The Agreement expires this year, which means we currently have no mechanism for asking for 2018 funds.

The various utilities and pre-certified intervenors are in discussions to extend the Agreement past this year.

NWIGU is requesting a limited extension of time to file its proposed budget so that we have time to get the Agreement finalized and can make 2018 funds available to support NWIGU's proposed budget. This extension would be for no longer than December 31st, by which time a new Agreement should be in place.

I have conferred with CUB on this request, and CUB supports the request. I have also attempted to confer with Avista, but because of busy schedules have not been able to communicate directly with Mr. Meyer, and I will inform the ALJ as soon as I know the Company's position.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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o/b/o NWIGU

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