BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM 1909

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON,

Investigation of the Scope of the Commission's Authority to Defer Capital Costs.

NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL GAS USERS' NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST INTERVENOR FUNDING

Pursuant to OAR § 860-001-0120 and the anticipated Fourth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement ("IFA"), which will be presented at the Public Utility Commission of Oregon's ("Commission") January 17, 2018 Public Meeting for review and approval, Northwest Industrial Gas Users ("NWIGU") hereby respectfully submits this Notice of Intent to Request an Issue Fund Grant in Docket No. UM 1909. Under the IFA, Notices of Intent are to be filed with Petitions to Intervene.

As required by the IFA, NWIGU asserts the following:

- 1. UM 1909 is an Eligible Proceeding under the IFA. The IFA defines an Eligible Proceeding as "any Commission proceeding that directly affects one or more of the Participating Public Utilities." IFA, Section 1(c). UM 1909 will directly affect Avista Corporation ("Avista"), Cascade Natural Gas Corporation ("Cascade"), and Northwest Natural Gas Company ("NW Natural"), Participating Public Utilities under Section 1(k) of the IFA. Therefore, an Issue Fund Grant is permissible under Section 6.1 of the IFA.
- 2. As required by IFA Section 6.2, this Notice of Intent is being served on each affected Participating Public Utility, all pre-certified organizations, and all parties identified on the service list for UM 1909.

- 3. NWIGU identifies the Avista Issue Fund Account, the NW Natural Issue Fund Account, and the Cascade Issue Fund Account as the accounts from which NWIGU intends to request the Issue Fund Grant. The amount of the request will depend on the availability of funds in that account when NWIGU submits a budget.
- 4. NWIGU has been precertified under Section 5.2 of the IFA and OAR § 860-001-0120(3) as eligible to receive an Issue Fund Grant.
- 5. NWIGU will submit a budget in accordance with Section 6.3 of the IFA or the prehearing conference order in this proceeding.

Dated this 4th day of January 2018.

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