BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM 1933

| In the Matter of |) |
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| AVISTA CORPORATION, dba |) REQUEST FOR FINAL PAYMENT OF) ISSUE FUND GRANT OF ALLIANCE |
| AVISTA CORT ORATION, doa AVISTA UTILITIES, |) OF WESTERN ENERGY |
| |) CONSUMERS |
| Application to Revise Book Depreciation | |
| Rates and Request Deferred Accounting. | |
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Pursuant to Section 7.3 of the Fourth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement ("IFA") approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission ("Commission") in Order No. 18-017 (January 17, 2018), Alliance of Western Energy Consumers ("AWEC") hereby requests final payment of AWEC's Issue Fund Grant in Docket No. UM 1933 in the amount of \$5,803.02. In support of this request, AWEC shows the following:

1. On April 24, 2018, AWEC filed a Proposed Issue Fund Budget in the amount of \$26,000 less in-house resources of 20 percent, for a total grant request of up to \$20,800. However, based on available funds in Avista's Issue Fund Account and to leave funds for use by other parties, AWEC requested an Issue Fund Grant of only \$11,915. The Commission approved the Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$11,915 on April 26, 2018. *In the Matter of Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities, Application to Revise Book Depreciation Rates and Request Deferred Accounting*, OPUC Docket No. UM 1933, Order No. 18-133 (April 26, 2018).

- 2. This matter settled before testimony and hearing, and AWEC did not use the entire Issue Fund in this matter. AWEC hereby requests that the Commission authorize payment of the approved Issue Fund Grant in this docket in the amount of \$5,803.02 (\$7,253.78 minus 20 percent), which is less than the full amount authorized. AWEC's Eligible Expenses for this proceeding through August 2018 are shown in Confidential Attachment A.
- 3. AWEC respectfully submits that this request for payment satisfies the requirement of IFA Section 7.3 as follows:

Section 7.3(a) - The itemized expenses, payees and hourly rates are attached as Confidential Attachment A.

Section 7.3(b) - AWEC was a full and active participant in this docket. AWEC and its consultants participated in discovery in this proceeding, participated in workshops, participated in informal meetings and telephone conferences with Avista, its consultants, Staff and CUB, and participated in settlement workshops and discussions, as well as drafting Joint testimony. The expenses included in Confidential Attachment A are Eligible Expenses as defined in IFA Section 7.4 and are reasonable and directly attributable to AWEC's participation in UM 1933 on behalf of all customers.

Section 7.3(c) – The only condition of the Issue Fund Grant is that AWEC must contribute 20% of Eligible Expenses using in-house resources. AWEC used its own funds to pay for at least 20% of the Eligible Expenses as required by Section 6.5 of the IFA.

<u>Section 7.3 (d)</u> – This request is a request for final payment.

4. <u>Section 7.4</u> – All of the expenses included in Confidential Attachment A are Eligible Expenses as defined in Section 7.4 of the IFA and are consistent with AWEC's proposed budget in this proceeding.

5. Upon approval of this request for payment by the Commission, Avista should send payment to AWEC as follows:

Alliance of Western Energy Consumers 818 SW Third Avenue #266 Portland, OR 97204

6. AWEC has satisfied the terms of the IFA and respectfully requests that the Commission approve payment of AWEC's Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$5,803.02 (\$7,253.78 minus 20 percent) from the Avista Issue Fund within 30 days of receiving this Request for Payment as provided in Section 7.6 of the IFA. With this payment, there will be \$6,111.98 in funds remaining in the approved Issue Fund Grant that can be released back to Avista's Issue Fund.

Dated this 11th day of September, 2018.

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