

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1633

In the Matter of

PETITION TO INTERVENE

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON

Investigation into Treatment of Pension
Costs in Utility Rates

Avista Corporation hereby petitions to intervene in this proceeding. In support of this petition, the following is provided:

1. The contact information (name, address, email address) of the petitioner is:

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Please include this contact on the service list.

- 2a. The petitioner will will not be represented by counsel in this proceeding. The contact information for petitioner's counsel to be included on the service list is:

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2b. Additional contacts to be included on the service list (a petitioner is limited to three contacts on the service list):

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3. If the petitioner is an organization, the number of members in and the purposes of the organization:

Avista Corporation, doing business as Avista Utilities, is a utility that provides service to approximately 360,000 electric customers and 225,000 natural gas customers in a 26,000-square-mile area in eastern Washington and northern Idaho. Avista Utilities also serves 96,000 natural gas customers in Oregon. The largest community served in the area is Spokane, Washington, which is the location of the corporate headquarters.

List of Members attached

4. The nature and extent of the Petitioner's interest in the proceeding is:

Avista Corporation has a direct and substantial interest in this proceeding, and can assist the Commission in resolving the issues. Avista is a utility providing service in the State of Oregon and all regular employees are eligible for the Company's defined benefit pension plan. The Company currently is recovering some level of pension expense through its base rates.

5. The issues the Petitioner intends to raise at the proceeding are:

Issues that will be raised by the Company will be determined throughout the proceeding.

6. The special knowledge or expertise of the Petitioner that would assist the Commission in resolving the issues in the proceeding is:

Because no other party can adequately represent Avista Corporation's interests in this proceeding, Avista respectfully requests that the Commission grant this Petition.

7. Based on the information provided above in accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, I request to participate in this proceeding as an intervenor. I or the organization that I represent will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or unreasonably delay the proceeding. OAR 860-001-0300.



Petitioner or Petitioner's Representative

osB# 086383



Date Signed

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I **HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have served Avista Corporation's Petition to Intervene by electronic mail to the following:

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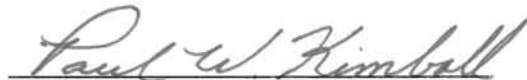
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RE: UM-1633 - Petition to Intervene of Avista Corporation

Enclosed for filing with the Commission are the original and one copy of the Company's "Petition to Intervene".

Please direct any questions regarding this filing to Pat Ehrbar at (509) 495-8620.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly O. Norwood". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kelly O. Norwood
Vice President, State and Federal Regulation

Enclosure