

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

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In the Matter of

AVISTA CORPORATION, dba AVISTA
UTILITES,

Application to Revise Book Depreciation
Rates and Request Deferred Accounting.

NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL GAS
USERS' PETITION TO INTERVENE

Pursuant to ORS § 756.525 and OAR § 860-001-0300(2), Northwest Industrial Gas Users (“NWIGU”) hereby submits this Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned proceeding and seeks party status. In support of this Petition to Intervene, NWIGU states as follows:

1. The name and address of NWIGU as a party of record in this proceeding is:

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2. NWIGU is a non-profit association comprised of approximately 38 end users of natural gas with major facilities in the States of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. NWIGU members include diverse industrial and commercial interests, including food processing, pulp and paper, wood products, electric generation, aluminum, steel, chemicals, electronics, aerospace, and healthcare providers. The association provides an informational service to its members and participates in various regulatory matters that affect member interests. NWIGU member companies purchase sales and transportation services from Oregon local distribution companies including Avista Utilities (Avista).

3. On February 22, 2018, Avista filed its Application to Revise Book Depreciation Rates and to Request Deferred Accounting in this docket (“Application”). The revised depreciation rates will be used by Avista for accounting and ratemaking purposes. Because NWIGU member companies purchase sales and transportation services from Avista, it has a direct and substantial interest in Avista’s Application, and therefore, in this proceeding.

4. NWIGU’s participation in this proceeding will assist the Commission in resolving the issues, and will not unreasonably broaden the issues, unduly burden the record, or delay the proceeding.

5. WHEREFORE, NWIGU respectfully requests leave to intervene and requests all the rights of a party in this proceeding.

Dated this 26th day of March 2018.

Respectfully submitted,



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