

ORDER NO. **18 379**

ENTERED **OCT 11 2018**

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of

ALLIANCE OF WESTERN ENERGY  
CONSUMERS<sup>1</sup>

Request for Intervenor Funding.

ORDER

**DISPOSITION: MATCHING GRANT REQUESTS APPROVED**

On October 1, 2018, the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers (AWEC) filed Requests for Payment of Preauthorized Matching Grants. Section 7.2 of the Fourth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (Agreement), adopted by the Commission in Order No. 18-017, governs the procedures for payment of Matching Fund Grants. Funds from the Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities Matching Fund; the Cascade Natural Gas Company Matching Fund; and the Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural, Matching Fund are available for use exclusively by AWEC. AWEC, as the Northwest Industrial Gas Users, was precertified to receive Matching Fund Grants on February 3, 2004, in Order No. 04-055.

AWEC asks for \$18,468.61 from the Avista Utilities Matching Fund Account, \$6,975.58 from the Cascade Natural Gas Matching Fund Account, and \$6,600.30 from the NW Natural Preauthorized Matching Fund Account. Under the terms of the Agreement, AWEC must establish that it has used in-house resources or outside funding for at least 35 percent of the Eligible Expenses for an Eligible Proceeding. AWEC provided the required documentation in its requests.

Section 7.7 of the Agreement provides that the Commission will make a determination in each proceeding as to how the participating utilities are to recover the funding grants from the various customer classes. Section 7.7(b) of the Agreement provides that the Preauthorized Matching Grants are allocated and charged to industrial customers.

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<sup>1</sup> Formerly known as the Northwest Industrial Gas Users

The Commission finds that AWEC has met the requirements of the Agreement, and its requests should be approved. Section 7.2 of the Agreement provides that the utility must pay the Preauthorized Matching Grant to the requesting intervenor within 30 days after receipt of the Commission directive.

### ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Alliance of Western Energy Consumers has met the requirements of the Fourth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement, and its requests are approved.
2. Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities pay \$18,468.61 from the Avista Utilities Preauthorized Matching Fund to the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers within 30 days after receipt of this order, and the grant is assessed to Avista Utilities' industrial customers.
3. Cascade Natural Gas Corporation pay \$6,975.58 from the Cascade Natural Gas Preauthorized Matching Fund to the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers within 30 days after receipt of this order, and the grant is assessed to Cascade Natural Gas's industrial customers.
4. Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural, pay \$6,600.30 from the NW Natural Preauthorized Matching Fund to the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers within 30 days after receipt of this order, and the grant is assessed to NW Natural's industrial customers.

Made, entered, and effective OCT 11 2018.



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**Michael Grant**  
Chief Administrative Law Judge  
Administrative Hearings Division