

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1722

In the Matter of

PETITION TO INTERVENE

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON

Investigation into Recovery of Safety Costs
by Natural Gas Utilities

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 approximately 97,000 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 the issues under investigation may ultimately impact how the Company recovers its costs of providing safe and reliable service to customers.


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.

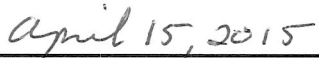
6. The special knowledge or expertise of the Petitioner that would assist the Commission in resolving the issues in the proceeding is:

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



Date Signed