

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

LC 75

In the Matter of)	
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AVISTA CORPORATION, dba AVISTA UTILITIES,)	REQUEST FOR AN ISSUE FUND GRANT & PROPOSED BUDGET OF
)	THE OREGON CITIZENS' UTILITY BOARD
2021 Integrated Resource Plan.)	

The Oregon Citizens' Utility Board (“CUB”) hereby requests a grant of \$15,000 from the 2021 Avista Utilities Issue Fund. CUB has been tracking its participation in this docket by hours and activity.

CUB is pre-certified per OAR 860-012-0100(3)(a). LC 75 is an eligible proceeding under the Fourth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (“IFA”), as approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission in Order No. 18-017, entered January 17, 2018. The proceeding directly affects Avista Utilities, which is a participating utility under the IFA. See IFA at Article 1(n). The IFA defines an eligible proceeding for Issue Funds in part as “an Integrated Resource Plant.” IFA at Article 1(c)(iii).

Article 6.2 of the IFA requires an intervenor seeking an Issue Fund Grant to file a Notice of Intent to Request an Issue Fund Grant. CUB filed its Notice of Intent to Request an Issue Fund Grant on April 13th, 2021.

Pursuant to paragraph 6.3 of the IFA, the proposed budget must identify certain points of information. CUB provides the information below.

(a)Statement of Work to be Performed.: CUB intends to participate in every procedural aspect of this case. CUB will participate in the prehearing conference and participate in all workshops

and settlement conferences. CUB will reviewed and analyze the testimony filed in this docket and file testimony of its own. CUB will pursue discovery of Avista Utilities through data requests and will respond to data requests asked of us. CUB intends to file briefs and participate in any hearings in this proceeding, if appropriate.

(b) Description of Areas to be Investigated: CUB is investigating issues including, but not limited to:

- Proposed capital investments;
- Projected load growth and resource balance;
- Distribution investments;
- Compliance with the Department of Environmental Quality’s upcoming Cap and Reduce program initiated by Executive Order 20-04; and
- Issues raised by other parties.

(c) Description of the Class or Classes Benefitting from CUB’s Participation: CUB represents the interests of Avista Utilities’ residential customers, though other customer classes may benefit from many aspects of our participation.

(d) The Fund from Which CUB Seeks an Issue Fund Grant & Available Funds: CUB is seeking a \$15,000 grant from the 2021 Avista Utilities Issue Fund.

(e) The Budget Showing Estimated Fees and Costs: CUB’s budget accompanies this document as Attachment A.

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(f) A Representation of the use of matching funds: The budget and an accounting for the use of matching funds accompany this document as Attachment A.

Dated this 23rd day of April, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael P. Goetz".

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Attachment A

CUB Proposed Budget - LC 75

CUB Internal Expenses	Rate	Hours	Cost
<i>Staff</i>			
Bob Jenks, Executive Director	\$275	5.00	\$1,375.00
Michael Goetz, General Counsel	\$250	25.00	\$6,250.00
Thomas Jerin, Office Manager	\$100	0.00	\$0.00
Will Gehrke, Economist	\$225	5.00	\$1,125.00
Sudeshna Pal, Economist	\$200	50.00	\$10,000.00
 <i>Other Expenses</i>			
Travel			
SubTotal			\$18,750.00
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In-House Resources			
20% of Eligible Expenses			\$3,750
Total			\$15,000