

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

LC 81

In the Matter of)	
)	
AVISTA CORPORATION, dba AVISTA)	CUB REQUEST FOR AN ISSUE
UTILITIES,)	FUND GRANT & PROPOSED
)	BUDGET
)	
2023 Natural Gas Integrated Resource Plan.)	
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The Oregon Citizens' Utility Board (CUB) requests a grant of \$19,000 from the 2023 Avista Corporation 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 81 is an eligible proceeding under the Fifth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (IFA), as approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission in Order No. 18-017, entered December 29, 2022. The proceeding directly affects Avista Corporation, which is a participating public utility under the IFA. *See* IFA at Article 1(k). The IFA defines an Eligible Proceeding for Issue Funds as “an Integrated Resource Plan,” IFA, Article 1(e)(iii). LC 81 is Avista Corporation’s Integrated Resource Plan; thus, an Issue Fund Grant may be made for this proceeding under Article 6.1 of the IFA.

Article 6.2 of the IFA requires an intervenor seeking an Issue Fund Grant to file a Notice of Intent to Request and Issue Fund Grant. CUB filed its Notice of Intent to Request an Issue Fund Grant on May 1st, 2023, as required by the IFA (Article 6.2).

Article 6.3 of the IFA requires an intervenor seeking an Issue Fund Grant to file a

proposed budget within 30 days after the prehearing conference at which the schedule for the proceeding is established.

Pursuant to Article 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 participated in the prehearing conference and will participate in all workshops in this proceeding. CUB will review and analyze the comments filed in this docket. We will pursue discovery of Avista Corporation through information requests and we will respond to information requests asked of us. We will file comments and will participate in any public meetings addressing this proceeding.

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

- i. Preferred Portfolio and Action Plan;
- ii. Analysis of Risk Associated with each Portfolio;
- iii. Capacity Needs and Projected Load Growth;
- iv. Compliance Pathway for Climate Protection Program, and;
- v. Issues Raised by Other Parties.

(c) Description of the Class or Classes Benefiting from CUB's Participation:

CUB represents the interests of Avista Corporation's 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 \$19,000 grant from the 2023 Avista Corporation Issue Fund. CUB respectfully requests that the Commission approve CUB's request for a \$19,000 grant from the 2023 Avista

Corporation Issue Fund.

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

(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 1st day of May, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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Attachment A

CUB Proposed Budget -- LC 81

CUB Internal Expenses	Rate	Hours	Cost
<i>Staff</i>			
Bob Jenks, Executive Director	\$350	12.00	\$4,200.00
Michael Goetz, General Counsel	\$325	15.00	\$4,875.00
Jennifer Hill-Hart, Policy Manager	\$325	5.00	\$1,625.00
Will Gehrke, Senior Economist	\$300	15.50	\$4,650.00
John Garrett, Economist	\$275	24.00	\$6,600.00
Law Clerk	\$180	10.00	\$1,800.00
<i>Other Expenses</i>			
Travel			
SubTotal			\$23,750.00
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In-House Resources			
20% of Eligible Expenses			\$4,750
Total			\$19,000