

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

LC 81

In the Matter of)	
)	ALLIANCE OF WESTERN ENERGY
AVISTA CORPORATION, dba)	CONSUMERS' REQUEST FOR
AVISTA UTILITIES,)	PAYMENT OF AVISTA
)	CORPORATION ISSUE FUND GRANT
)	
2023 Natural Gas Integrated Resource)	
Plan.)	
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Pursuant to Section 7.3 of the Fifth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (“IFA”) approved by the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (“Commission”) in Order No. 22-506 (December 29, 2022), Alliance of Western Energy Consumers (“AWEC”) hereby requests payment of AWEC’s Issue Fund Grant in Docket No. LC 81 in the amount of \$20,000. In support of this request, AWEC states the following:

1. On March 31, 2023, Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities (“Avista”) filed its 2023 Natural Gas Integrated Resource Plan. On June 9, 2023, AWEC intervened in LC 81 and provided its Notice of Intent to Request an Issue Fund Grant.
2. On July 19, 2023, AWEC filed a Proposed Issue Fund Budget in Docket No. LC 81 in the amount of \$25,000.00, less in-house resources of 20 percent, for a total Issue Fund Grant request of \$20,00.00. The Commission approved the Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$20,000.00 on July 21, 2023, finding that “In light of the issues being addressed, the complexity of the issues and the significant policy decisions to be made, the Commission believes that AWEC's proposed budget is reasonable and should be

approved.” *In the Matter of Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities, 2023 Natural Gas Integrated Resource Plan*, OPUC Docket No. LC 81, Order No. 23-274 (Jul 21, 2023).

3. AWEC hereby requests that the Commission authorize the approved Issue Fund Grant in this docket in the amount of \$20,000.00. AWEC’s Eligible Expenses for this proceeding are shown in **Confidential Exhibit A**.

4. AWEC respectfully submits that this request for payment satisfies the requirement of IFA Section 7.3 as follows:

Section 7.3(a) - The itemized expenses, payees and hourly rates are attached as **Confidential Exhibit A**.

Section 7.3(b) - AWEC was a full and active participant in this docket. AWEC issued and reviewed discovery, filed multiple rounds of comments, reviewed comments from other parties; attended workshops, and participated in the acknowledgement hearing. The expenses included in **Confidential Exhibit A** are Eligible Expenses as defined in IFA Section 7.4 and are reasonable and directly attributable to AWEC’s participation in LC 81 on behalf of all customers.

Section 7.3(c) – The only condition of the Issue Fund Grant is that AWEC must contribute 20% of Eligible Expenses using in-house resources. AWEC used its own funds to pay for at least 20% of the Eligible Expenses as required by Section 6.5 of the IFA.

Section 7.3 (d) – This request is a request for final payment of the approved Issue Fund Grant in this docket.

7. Section 7.4 – All of the expenses included in **Confidential Exhibit A** are Eligible Expenses as defined in Section 7.4 of the IFA and are consistent with AWEC’s proposed budget in this proceeding.

8. Upon approval of this request for payment by the Commission, Avista should send payment to AWEC as follows:

Alliance of Western Energy Consumers
818 SW Third Avenue #266
Portland, OR 97204

9. AWEC has satisfied the terms of the IFA and respectfully requests that the Commission approve payment of AWEC’s Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$20,000.00 from the Avista Issue Fund within 30 days of receiving this Request for Payment as provided in Section 7.6 of the IFA.

10. AWEC’s expenses and costs exceeded its estimated budget in these consolidated dockets. With this payment, there will be no funds remaining in the approved Issue Fund Grant, and AWEC will seek the remainder of its fees and expenses through Matching Funds.

Dated this 19th day of March 2024.

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