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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Public Utility Commission of Oregon  
Attn: Filing Center  
201 High Street SE, Suite 100  
PO Box 1088  
Salem, OR 97301-3398

Re: In the Matter of Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities, 2021 Integrated Resource Plan (Docket LC 75).  
**Proposed Issue Fund Budget of the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers**

Dear Filing Center:

Pursuant to OAR 860-012-0100(4) and the Fourth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (“IFA”), approved by the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (“Commission”) in Order No. 18-017 (January 17, 2018), Alliance of Western Energy Consumers (“AWEC”) hereby respectfully submits an issue fund budget of \$9,900, which after 20% match by AWEC (\$1,980), would result in a maximum net requested Issue Fund Grant of \$7,920. To the extent AWEC’s actual costs exceed the maximum grant amount, AWEC will seek matching funds.

Article 6.3 of the IFA provides that precertified intervenors seeking an Issue Fund Grant must submit a proposed budget to the Commission. Accordingly, AWEC has attached a detailed budget as Appendix A. AWEC’s proposed budget is based on AWEC’s full participation in this proceeding, including expenses that have already been incurred to date.

The IFA also requires the following information:

**1. A Statement of the Work to be Performed.**

AWEC has already participated in initial proceedings in this docket and will continue to participate in all stages of the review of Avista’s Integrated Resource Plan, including filing comments and participating in any workshop(s) and public meetings.

**2. A Description of the Areas to be Investigated.**

AWEC has and will focus on a review of Avista's Integrated Resource Plan, including a focus on proposed projects to be acknowledged and how Avista plans to incorporate renewable natural gas into its system.

**3. A Description of the Particular Customer Class(es) That Will Benefit from the Intervenor's Participation.**

AWEC is a nonprofit association of end users of natural gas with major facilities in the states of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. AWEC's gas members include diverse industrial and commercial interests, including food processing, pulp and paper, wood products, electric generation, aluminum, steel, chemicals, electronics, aerospace, and healthcare providers. AWEC members take service from local distribution companies under industrial rate schedules. Accordingly, AWEC's advocacy will benefit the industrial rate class.

**4. Identification of the Specific Fund Accounts from Which the Intervenor is Seeking Monies.**

AWEC identifies the Avista Issue Fund Account as the account from which AWEC is seeking monies. To the extent AWEC incurs costs that exceed this request, it will either seek to modify this request or seek Matching Funds.

**5. A Budget Showing Estimated Attorney, Consultant and Expert Witness Fees, Which May Include the Cost for Appropriate Support Staff and Operations Support.**

AWEC has attached a detailed budget for AWEC's participation in this proceeding as Appendix A.

**6. Representation that Intervenor will use matching funds in the form of either in-house resources or outside funding to account for or pay at least 20 percent of the Eligible Expenses.**

AWEC represents that it will use matching funds in the form of either in-house resources or outside funding to account for or pay at least 20 percent of the Eligible Expenses.

**CONCLUSION**

AWEC respectfully requests that the Commission approve its Issue Fund Budget of \$9,900, which after 20% match by AWEC (\$1,980), would result in a maximum net requested Issue Fund Grant of \$7,920. To the extent AWEC incurs costs in excess of the Issue Fund Grant amount, it will seek matching funds.

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Should you have any questions regarding this filing, please call.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chad M. Stokes", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Chad M. Stokes

**APPENDIX A**

**LC 75  
AWEC PROPOSED BUDGET FOR ISSUE FUND**

**Legal Counsel**

<u>Work to be Performed</u>	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Review of Avista Integrated Resources Plan, draft and review discovery, drafting comments and reviewing and responding to comments of other parties.	Partner	25	\$300	\$7,500
Workshop/Public Meeting(s)	Partner	8	\$300	\$2,400
<b>Total AWEC Budget for Legal Services</b>				<b>\$9,900</b>
Less 20% Match Using In-house Resources				\$7,920