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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING  
& FEDERAL EXPRESS**

Public Utility Commission  
Attn: Filing Center  
550 Capitol Street NE #215  
PO Box 2148  
Salem, OR 97308

**Re: *In the Matter of Oregon Public Utility Staff Requesting the Commission Direct  
Avista Utilities to File Tariffs Establishing Automatic Adjustment Clauses  
Under the Terms of SB 408;***  
**Docket No. UG 171**

Dear Filing Center:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter please find an original and one (1) copy of **Northwest Industrial Gas Users' Notice of Intent to Request an Issue Fund Grant**. Please note that this document was submitted via electronic mail to the PUC Filing Center on this date, with copies served on the current Service List via e-mail and/or first class mail.

Thank you for your assistance, and please do not hesitate to contact our office with any questions.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Chad M. Stokes  
Chad M. Stokes

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Enclosures

cc: UG-171 Current Service List (via e-mail and first class mail)

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

**OF OREGON**

**UG 171(4)**

In the Matter of	)	
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OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY STAFF	)	
Requesting the Commission direct AVISTA	)	NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL GAS
UTILITIES to file tariffs establishing	)	USERS' NOTICE OF INTENT TO
automatic adjustment clauses under the terms	)	REQUEST AN ISSUE FUND GRANT
of SB 408.	)	

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Pursuant to OAR § 860-012-0100(4) and the First Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (“IFA”), approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) in Order No. 07-576 (December 20, 2007), and Administrative Law Judge Wallace’s Prehearing Conference Report dated November 4, 2010, the Northwest Industrial Gas Users (“NWIGU”) hereby respectfully submit this Notice of Intent to Request an Issue Fund Grant in UG-171(4).

1. UG-171(4) is an Eligible Proceeding under the IFA. The IFA defines an Eligible Proceeding as “any Commission proceeding that directly affects one or more of the Participating Public Utilities.” IFA, Section 1(c). UG-171(4) will directly affect Avista Utilities (“Avista”), which is a Participating Public Utility under Section 1(k) of the IFA. Therefore, an Issue Fund Grant is permissible under Section 6.1 of the IFA.

2. As required by IFA Section 6.2, this Notice of Intent is being served on each affected Participating Public Utility, all pre-certified organizations, and all parties identified on the service list from UG-171(4).

3. NWIGU identifies the Avista Issue Fund Account as the account from which NWIGU intends to request the Issue Fund Grant.

4. NWIGU has been precertified under Section 5.2 of the IFA and OAR § 860-012-0100(3) as eligible to receive an Issue Fund Grant.

5. NWIGU will submit a proposed budget by December 1, 2010 as directed by ALJ Wallace in her Prehearing Conference Report dated November 4, 2010.

DATED: November 16, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

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Of Attorneys for Northwest Industrial Gas Users

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I caused to be served the foregoing ***NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL GAS USERS' NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST AN ISSUE FUND GRANT*** via electronic mail and, where paper service is not waived, via postage-paid first class mail upon the following parties of record:

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