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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING & FIRST CLASS MAIL

Oregon Public Utility Commission Attn: Filing Center 550 Capitol Street, N.E., #215 P.O. Box 2148 Salem, Oregon 97308-2148

Re: In the Matter of Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities Request for a

General Rate Increase Docket No. UG 201

Dear Filing Center:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter, please find an original and one (1) copy of the **Final Request for Payment of Issue Fund Grant of the Northwest Industrial Gas Users.** Please note Exhibit A to the Final Request is Confidential and should not be posted to the PUC website. The confidential exhibit will only be provided via mail to the Commission and the Avista Corporation.

A copy of the attached without the confidential exhibit will also be 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,

Chad M. Stokes

cc: UG 201 Current Service List (via e-mail and/or first class mail)

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UG 201

In the Matter of)	
)	FINAL REQUEST FOR PAYMENT
AVISTA CORPORATION, dba)	OF ISSUE FUND GRANT OF THE
AVISTA UTILITIES)	NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL GAS
)	USERS
Request for a general rate case revision)	
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Pursuant to Section 7.3 of the First Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement ("IFA") approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission ("Commission") in Order No. 07-564 (December 19, 2007), the Northwest Industrial Gas Users ("NWIGU") hereby request final payment of NWIGU's Issue Fund Grant in Docket No. UG-201 in the amount of \$17,048.04. In support of this Final Request, NWIGU shows the following:

- 1. On October 7, 2010, NWIGU filed a Notice of Intent to Request an Issue Fund Grant in this docket. On December 6, 2010, NWIGU submitted a proposed budget in the amount of \$43,165, less in-house resources of 20 percent, for \$34,532. The Commission approved the Issue Fund Grant for NWIGU in the amount of \$34,532.00 on December 8, 2010. *In the Matter of AVISTA CORPORATION, DBA AVISTA UTILITIES Request for a General Rate Case*, OPUC Docket No. UG 201, Order No. 10-469 (December 8, 2010).
- 2. NWIGU hereby requests that the Commission authorize final payment of the Issue Fund Grant in this docket in the amount of \$17,048.04. NWIGU's total Eligible Expenses for this proceeding from October 1, 2010 through January 31, 2010 are shown in Confidential

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Attachment A.

4. NWIGU respectfully submits that this request for payment satisfies the

requirement of IFA Section 7.4 as follows:

Section 7.3(a) - The itemized expenses, payees and hourly rates are attached as

Confidential Attachment A.

Section 7.3(b) - NWIGU was a full and active participant in this docket. NWIGU

participated in discovery and settlement workshops and discussions, negotiated a

settlement stipulation, and filed joint testimony in support of the settlement stipulation.

The expenses included in Confidential Attachment A are Eligible Expenses as defined in

IFA Section 7.4 and are reasonable and directly attributable to NWIGU's participation in

UG-171 on behalf of industrial customers.

Section 7.4(c) – NWIGU used its own funds to pay for at least 20% of the Eligible

Expenses as required by Section 6.5 of the IFA. In addition NWIGU has supplied

substantial resources in this proceeding through its Executive Director's active

involvement in addition to the Eligible Expenses set forth on Attachment A, which

reflects only those Eligible Expenses from outside legal counsel at the law firm of Cable

Huston Benedict Haagensen and Lloyd, LLP and the expert witness fees of Larkin &

Associates (whose services were retained jointly and shared by the Citizens' Utility

Board of Oregon and NWIGU on revenue requirement issues in this proceeding).

Section 7.4 – All of the expenses included in Confidential Attachment A are Eligible

Expenses as defined in Section 7.4 of the IFA and are consistent with NWIGU's

proposed budget in this proceeding. No conditions were placed on NWIGU's Issue Fund

Grant in Order No. 08-582.

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CABLE HUSTON BENEDICT HAAGENSEN & LLOYD LLP SUITE 2000 1001 SW FIFTH AVENUE PORTLAND, OREGON 97204-1136 (503) 224-3092 5. Upon approval of this request for payment by the Commission, Avista should send payment to NWIGU as follows:

Paula E. Pyron Executive Director Northwest Industrial Gas Users P.O. Box 2058 Tualatin, OR 97062-2058

NWIGU has satisfied the terms of the IFA and respectfully requests that the Commission approve full payment of NWIGU's Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$17,048.04 within 30 days of receiving this Request for Payment as provided in Section 7.6 of the IFA. This Request for Payment constitutes a final Request for Payment of the Issue Fund authorized by the Commission for NWIGU in this phase of this docket, following which NWIGU releases the remaining amounts.

Dated this 1st day of April, 2011.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I caused to be served the foregoing FINAL REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF ISSUE FUND GRANT OF THE NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL GAS USERS on:

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- [X] by **ELECTRONIC NOTIFICATION**, a full, true and correct copy thereof to the party, at the <u>e-mail address</u> shown above, which is the last-known email address for the party, on the date set forth below; or
- [X] by MAILING to those parties who have not waived paper service, a full, true and correct copy thereof in a sealed, postage-paid envelope, addressed as shown above, and deposited with the U.S. Postal Service at Portland, Oregon, on the date set forth below.

DATED: April 1, 2011.

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