BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UG 246

In the Matter of)	REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF THE CITIZENS' UTILITY BOARD
AVISTA CORPORATION, dba AVISTA UTILITIES)	
Request for a General Rate Revision)) _)	

Pursuant to Section 7.3 of the Second Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement ("Agreement"), which was adopted in Order No. 12-452, the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon ("CUB") submits this request for final payment in the amount of \$25,928 of eligible expenses in docket UG 246 from the Avista Issue Fund. CUB is automatically precertified under Section 5.2 of the Agreement.

On October 31, 2013, CUB submitted a proposed budget of \$26,166. On November 21, 2013, in Order No. 13-431, the Commission approved CUB's budget, but reduced the issue fund grant by \$238 due to the limited fund available in the issue fund and the issue fund grant request made by the Northwest Industrial Gas Users. ¹

Under Section 7.3 of the Agreement, each Issue Fund Grant Request for Payment must:

- (a) Itemize the expenses, payees and hourly rates for amounts to be reimbursed;
- (b) Demonstrate that the expenses are reasonable and are directly attributable to issues and positions pursued on behalf of a particular customer class and consistent with the intervenor's proposed budget;
- (c) Provide information sufficient to show that the intervenor has complied with any condition or requirement of the Issue Fund Grant, including, but not limited to, documentation sufficient to show that the intervenor has satisfied the matching fund requirement (i) set forth in Section 6.5 above or (ii) as the Commission may establish as a reasonable condition on Issue Fund Grants, whichever applies; and
- (d) Specify whether the request for payment is for a progress payment or final payment in full and indicate whether any approved budget

¹ OPUC Order No. 13-431 at 2.

amount may be released back to the applicable Issue Fund because the intervenor does not intend to request payment for the full approved budget amount.

- (a) Confidential Attachment A contains a summary of CUB's expenses to date in this case. Confidential Attachment B provides a list of CUB activities by date and Intervenor Funding Task Category, as well as CUB's mailing and travel expenses to date. Confidential Attachment C breaks out each CUB staff member's time by Intervenor Funding Task Category to date.
- (b) The expenses incurred thus far are reasonable and directly attributable to the issues and positions CUB is addressing in UG 246 on behalf of residential customers. In support of this assertion, we supply Confidential Attachments A, B, and C which can be compared to CUB's Issue Fund Budget in this case.
- (c) CUB has satisfied the matching fund requirement as demonstrated in Confidential Attachment A, the summary of CUB's expenses. CUB expenses to date after the match are \$33,535.60.
- (d) This is a request for final payment.

In this filing, CUB requests the final payment of our costs in UG 246 amounting to \$25,928. See Confidential Attachment A, CUB Expense Summary. The attached documents should allow the Commission to track the time spent on the elements of the case, and we believe that this filing meets the requirements of the Commission.

Respectfully submitted, January 6, 2013

Bob Jenks

Executive Director

Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon

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Enc. Confidential Attachments A, B and C

cc. Kelly Norwood, Avista Utilities

UG 246 – CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on this 6th day of January, 2014, I served the foregoing **REQUEST FOR FINAL PAYMENT OF THE CITIZENS' UTILITY BOARD OF OREGON** in docket UG 246 upon the Participating Public Utility from whose account payment is to be made and the Commission by email and by sending one original and one copy by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, to the Commission's Salem offices.

(W denotes waiver of paper service)

(C denotes service of Confidential material authorized)

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