

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UG 246

In the Matter of)	
)	CUB REQUEST FOR AN
AVISTA CORPORATION, dba AVISTA)	ISSUE FUND GRANT & PROPOSED
UTILITIES)	BUDGET
)	
Request for a General Rate Revision)	
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The Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (“CUB”) requests a grant of \$26,166 from the Avista Utilities (“Avista”) Issue Fund. This presumes a fully litigated case; settlement of some or all of the issues would likely reduce our total request for reimbursement. CUB staff will keep track of their participation by hours and activity.

CUB is precertified as per OAR 860-012-0100(3)(a). UG 246 is an eligible proceeding under the Second Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (“IFA”), as approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission in Order No. 12-452, entered November 20, 2012. The proceeding directly affects Avista, which is a participating public utility under the IFA. *See* Order No. 12-452 at Article 1(k). CUB filed its Notice of Intent to Request an Issue Fund Grant concurrent with its Notice of Intervention, as required by the IFA (Article 6.2).

Pursuant to paragraph 6.3 of the IFA, the proposed budget must identify certain points of information. CUB provides the information below.

(a) Statement of Work to Be Performed: CUB intends to participate in every procedural

aspect of this case. CUB participated in the pre-hearing conference. We will attend, either in person or by phone, and participate in all or most workshops, settlement meetings, hearings, and any Commission presentations. We will review and analyze Avista's direct, rebuttal and surrebuttal testimony, and briefs. We will review and analyze testimony and briefs filed by other parties. We will pursue discovery of Avista through data requests, and will respond to data requests asked of us. We will file opening testimony, reply testimony, opening and closing briefs, and present our recommendations to the Commission including any proposed modifications or conditions.

(b) Description of Areas to Be Investigated: CUB intends to investigate issues including, but not limited to:

- A. The capital investments driving Avista's proposed increase,
- B. The allocation of costs between gas and electric services,
- C. Rate spread/rate design,
- D. Avista's LRIC Study,
- E. Avista's proposal for pensions; and
- F. Issues raised by other parties to the proceeding.

(c) Description of the Class or Classes Benefiting from CUB's Participation:

CUB represents the interests of Avista's residential customers, though other customer classes may benefit from many aspects of our participation.

(d) The Fund from Which CUB Seeks an Issue Fund Grant & Available Funds: CUB is seeking an issue fund grant from the Avista Issue Fund. CUB's budget shows eligible expenses of \$41,720; however, to accommodate the potential requests of

other intervenors, CUB is seeking an issue fund grant in the amount of \$26,166. As of October 15, 2013, there is balance of \$69,000 in the Avista Issue Fund; the uncommitted balance equals \$49,690.¹

(e) *The Budget Showing Estimated Fees and Costs:* CUB's budget accompanies this document as Attachment A.

(f) *A Representation of the Use of Matching Funds:* The budget and an accounting for the use of matching funds accompany this document as Attachment A.

Dated this 31st day of October, 2013
Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Jenks", with a stylized, cursive script.

Bob Jenks
Executive Director
Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon

¹ On October 10, 2013, CUB Requested an Avista Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$4,984 in docket UG 247. On October 14, 2013, the Commission approved CUB's request in Order No. 13-361. On October 31, 2013, CUB filed a letter with the Commission releasing the funds requested in docket UG 247. CUB is not aware of any other requests for Avista issue funds, and therefore believes the uncommitted balance to be \$49,960.

CUB Proposed Budget -- UE 246

CUB Internal Expenses	Rate	Hours	Cost
<i>Staff</i>			
Bob Jenks, Executive Director	\$250	55.00	\$13,750.00
Catriona McCracken, General Counsel	\$250	60.00	\$15,000.00
Jaime McGovern, Sr. Utility Analyst	\$225	50.00	\$11,250.00
Nadine Hanhan, Utility Analyst	\$125	30.00	\$3,750.00
Law Clerk	\$75	15.00	\$1,125.00
SA Anders, Business and Projects Mgr	\$75	1.00	\$75.00
Sommer Templet, Staff Attorney	\$175	40.00	\$7,000.00
<i>Other Expenses</i>			
Printing & Mailing			\$50.00
Travel			\$150.00

In-House Resources

20% of Eligible Expenses	(\$10,430)
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Total	\$41,720
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Requested Amount	\$26,166.00
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UG 246 – CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on this 31st day of October, 2013, I served the foregoing **CUB REQUEST FOR AN ISSUE FUND GRANT & PROPOSED BUDGET** in docket UG 246 upon each party listed in the UG 246 PUC Service List by email and, where paper service is not waived, by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, and upon the Commission by email and by sending one original and one copy by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, to the Commission's Salem offices.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sommer Templet". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sommer" being more prominent than the last name "Templet".

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