

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UG 288

In the Matter of)	
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AVISTA CORPORATION, dba AVISTA)	REQUEST FOR PROGRESS
UTILITIES)	PAYMENT OF THE CITIZENS'
)	UTILITY BOARD OF OREGON
Request for a General Rate Revision)	
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Pursuant to Section 7.3 of the Third Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (“Agreement”), which was adopted in Order No. 15-335, the Citizens’ Utility Board of Oregon (“CUB”) submits this request for a progress payment in the amount of \$40,251 of eligible expenses in docket UG 288 from the Avista issue fund. CUB is automatically precertified under Section 5.2 of the Agreement.

On November 24, 2015, CUB submitted a proposed issue fund grant of \$44,800 from the Avista issue fund, to be split between the 2015 Issue Fund (\$19,800) and the 2016 Issue Fund (\$25,000). On November 25, 2015, in Order No. 15-381, the Commission approved CUB’s budget.

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 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 288 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 \$40,251.
- (d) This is a request for progress payment.

In this filing, CUB requests a progress payment for our costs in UG 288 amounting to \$40,251 from the Avista issue fund. 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,
December 3, 2015



Bob Jenks
Executive Director
Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon

Enc. Attachments A, B and C

cc. David Meyer, Avista