

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UG 325

In the Matter of)	
AVISTA CORPORATION, dba)	REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF ISSUE
AVISTA UTILITIES,)	FUND GRANT OF NORTHWEST
Request for General Rate Revision.)	INDUSTRIAL GAS USERS
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Pursuant to Section 7.3 of the Third Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (“IFA”) approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) in Order No. 17-070 (February 22, 2017), Northwest Industrial Gas Users (“NWIGU”) hereby requests payment of NWIGU’s Issue Fund Grant in Docket No. UG 325 in the amount of \$28,223.61 (\$35,279.51 minus 20 percent). In support of this request, NWIGU shows the following:

1. On February 17, 2017, NWIGU filed a Proposed Issue Fund Budget in the amount of \$50,000 less in-house resources of 20 percent, for a total grant request of up to \$40,000. The Commission approved the Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$40,000 on February 22, 2017. *In the Matter of Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities, Request for a General Rate Revision*, OPUC Docket No. UG 325, Order No. 17-070 (Feb 22, 2017).

2. NWIGU hereby requests that the Commission authorize payment of the approved Issue Fund Grant in this docket in the amount of \$28,223.61 (\$35,279.51 minus 20 percent), which is less than the full amount authorized. NWIGU’s Eligible Expenses for this proceeding through October 2017 are shown in Confidential Attachment A.

3. NWIGU respectfully submits that this request for payment satisfies the requirement of IFA Section 7.3 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 and its consultants participated in discovery in this proceeding, participated in telephone conferences with Avista, Staff and CUB, drafted and filed opening testimony and participated in settlement workshops and discussions, as well as editing the Settlement Stipulation and supporting testimony. 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 325 on behalf of all customers.

Section 7.3(c) - The only condition of the Issue Fund Grant is that NWIGU must contribute 20% of Eligible Expenses using in-house resources. NWIGU used its own funds to pay for at least 20% of the Eligible Expenses as required by Section 6.5 of the IFA. Further, 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.

Section 7.3 (d) - This request is a request for final payment.

4. 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.

5. Upon approval of this request for payment by the Commission, Avista should send payment to NWIGU as follows, (which address is different than NWIGU's mailing address for service):

Edward Finklea
Executive Director
Northwest Industrial Gas Users
P.O. Box 163
Ashland, Oregon 97520

6. NWIGU has satisfied the terms of the IFA and respectfully requests that the Commission approve payment of NWIGU's Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$28,223.61 (\$35,279.51 minus 20 percent) from the Avista Utilities Issue Fund within 30 days of receiving this Request for Payment as provided in Section 7.6 of the IFA. With this payment, there will be \$11,776.39 in funds remaining in the approved Issue Fund Grant that can be released back to Avista's Issue Fund.

Dated this 4th day of October 2017.

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