

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UG 461

In the Matter of)	
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AVISTA CORPORATION dba)	REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF AVISTA
AVISTA UTILITIES)	ISSUE FUND GRANT OF ALLIANCE
)	OF WESTERN ENERGY CONSUMERS
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REQUEST FOR GENERAL RATE)	
REVISION)	
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Pursuant to Section 7.3 of the Fifth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (“IFA”) approved by the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (“Commission”) in Order No. 22-506 (December 29, 2022), Alliance of Western Energy Consumers (“AWEC”) hereby requests payment of AWEC’s Issue Fund Grant in Docket No. UG 461 in the amount of \$31,056.32. In support of this request, AWEC states the following:

1. On March 1, 2023, Avista Corporation (“Avista”) filed its request for a General Rate Revision to increase revenues in Oregon. On March 2, 2023, AWEC intervened in UG 461 and provided its Notice of Intent to Request an Issue Fund Grant.
2. On April 28, 2023, AWEC filed a Proposed Issue Fund Budget in these dockets in the amount of \$62,375.00, less in-house resources of 20 percent, for a total Issue Fund Grant request of \$49,900.00. The Commission approved the Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$49,900.00 on June 7, 2023, finding that “In light of the issues being addressed, the complexity of the issues and the significant policy decisions to be

made, the Commission believes that AWEC's proposed budget is reasonable and should be approved.”

3. AWEC participated in numerous settlement conferences and calls, issued and reviewed discovery, filed opening testimony and exhibits, negotiated two separate settlement stipulations and filed joint testimony in support of the stipulations. AWEC hereby requests that the Commission authorize the approved Issue Fund Grant in this docket in the amount of \$31,056.32. AWEC’s Eligible Expenses for this proceeding through August 31, 2023 are shown in **Confidential Exhibit A**.

4. AWEC 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) - AWEC was a full and active participant in this docket. AWEC issued and reviewed discovery, filed testimony, reviewed the testimony of other parties, participated in multiple settlement conferences and calls, negotiated two settlement stipulations and filed joint testimony in support of the stipulations. The expenses included in **Confidential Attachment A** are Eligible Expenses as defined in IFA Section 7.4 and are reasonable and directly attributable to AWEC’s participation in UG 461 on behalf of all customers.

Section 7.3(c) – The only condition of the Issue Fund Grant is that AWEC must contribute 20% of Eligible Expenses using in-house resources. AWEC used its

own funds to pay for at least 20% of the Eligible Expenses as required by Section 6.5 of the IFA.

Section 7.3 (d) – This request is a request for final payment of a portion of the approved Issue Fund Grant in this docket.

7. 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 AWEC’s proposed budget in this proceeding.

8. Upon approval of this request for payment by the Commission, NW Natural should send payment to AWEC as follows:

Alliance of Western Energy Consumers
3519 NE 15th Avenue #249
PORTLAND, OR 97212

Or via wire transfer

To: Alliance of Western Energy Consumers
Wells Fargo Bank
Newberg, OR 97132
ABA: [REDACTED]
Acct: [REDACTED]

9. AWEC has satisfied the terms of the IFA and respectfully requests that the Commission approve payment of AWEC’s Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$31,056.32 from the Avista Issue Fund within 30 days of receiving this Request for Payment as provided in Section 7.6 of the IFA.

10. Because this case settled, AWEC's expenses and costs were less than its estimated budget in this docket. With this payment, AWEC requests that the remainder of the approved Issue Fund Grant be released back into the Avista Issue Fund account.

Dated this 11th day of September, 2023

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