

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UG 461

In the Matter of)	
)	
AVISTA CORPORATION dba AVISTA UTILITIES,)	CUB AMENDED REQUEST FOR ISSUE FUND GRANT & AMENDED BUDGET
)	
<u>Request for a General Rate Revision.</u>)	

Pursuant to Section 6.7 of the Fifth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (Agreement), which was adopted in Order No. 22-506, the Oregon Citizens' Utility Board ("CUB"), submits this Amendment of Proposed Budget in docket UG 461 from the 2023 Avista Utilities' Issue Fund. CUB is automatically pre-certified under Section 5.2 of the Agreement

On May 1, 2023, CUB requested a total grant of \$40,000 from the 2023 Avista Utilities' Issue fund. The Commission approved CUB's proposed budget on June 7, 2023, in Order No. 23-201.

CUB is now proposing to amend its budget in docket UG 461. CUB estimates total eligible expenses to be \$93,750, before the 20% match, and is seeking a total issue fund grant of \$75,000. CUB seeks the additional \$35,000 grant from the 2023 Avista Utilities' Issue Fund.

Section 6.7 of the Agreement states:

Amendment of Proposed Budget: At any time during the proceeding, an intervenor who received Commission approval for an Issue Fund Grant may file to amend its budget and request additional funding due to unforeseen changes in the scope or complexity of issues, positions taken

by other parties, changes in the schedule of the case, or other good cause.

There is good cause to support approving CUB's proposed budget amendment. The scope, complexity of issues, and changes in the schedule of the case have resulted in the need for additional funding that was not originally anticipated when CUB submitted its initial proposed budget, and docket activity is ongoing. Therefore, CUB is seeking to increase its approved budget to \$75,000. CUB's amended budget accompanies this document as Attachment A.

Dated this 2nd day of August, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael P. Goetz".

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