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VIA FIRST CLASS AND ELECTRONIC MAIL

The Hon. Michael Grant
Oregon Public Utility Commission
P.O. Box 1088
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Mr. David J. Meyer
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Re: Northwest Industrial Gas Users' Request for Payment of a Preauthorized Matching Fund Grant – Avista Utilities Account
Docket No. UM 1357

Dear Judge Grant:

Northwest Industrial Gas Users ("NWIGU") files this request for payment of a Preauthorized Matching Fund Grant for costs incurred from January 1, 2017 through December 29, 2017 from the Avista Utilities ("Avista") Preauthorized Matching Fund Account in the amount of $2,814.81. This request for payment is filed pursuant to Section 7.2 of the Third Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement, which was approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission ("Commission") on October 20, 2015 in Order No. 15-335 ("Amended IFA").

NWIGU meets all of the criteria for payment of a Preauthorized Matching Fund Grant from the Avista Preauthorized Matching Fund Account for 2017, as demonstrated by the following:

1. Under the Amended IFA, Avista makes available an Annual Grant Amount of $34,500, which is added to Avista's Preauthorized Matching Fund Account each calendar year during the term of the Amended IFA. Amended IFA at Section 4.2.

2. A Preauthorized Matching Fund Grant from Avista must be used solely to pay Eligible Expenses for Eligible Proceedings involving Avista. Amended IFA at Section 4.2.2. NWIGU requests the payment of a Preauthorized Matching Fund Grant for Eligible Expenses incurred in Dockets UM 1357 and UG 247 as Eligible Proceedings from January 1, 2017 through December 29, 2017. NWIGU requests the payment of the $2,814.81 Preauthorized Matching Fund Grant for the expenses listed in confidential Exhibit A, attached, which are Eligible Expenses under Section 7.4 of the Amended IFA.

These expenses are in excess of any amounts recovered through Issue Fund Grants and/or other Matching Fund Grant Requests.

3. A Preauthorized Matching Fund Grant may be provided only if NWIGU demonstrates that it has used in-house resources or outside funding for at least 50% of the Eligible Expenses for Eligible Proceedings. Amended IFA at Section 7.2. As shown in confidential Exhibit A, NWIGU has used in-house resources and outside funding for at least 50% of the Eligible Expenses in these proceedings.

4. NWIGU became precertified as eligible to receive intervenor funding grants under Section 5.2 of the original Intervenor Funding Agreement pursuant to Order No. 04-055, entered by the Commission on February 3, 2004. Under the Amended IFA, funds from Avista's Preauthorized Matching Fund Account are available for use exclusively by NWIGU. Amended IFA at Section 4.2.2.

Having demonstrated that it meets all of the criteria and conditions for such request, NWIGU requests payment of a Preauthorized Matching Fund Grant from Avista's Preauthorized Matching Fund in the amount of $2,814.81. NWIGU requests that the Commission grant this request within 30 days of receipt and order Avista to pay NWIGU the amount of $2,814.81 within 30 days after receipt of the Commission directive, in accordance with Section 7.2 of the Amended IFA.

Payment should be sent to the following address, which is different than NWIGU's mailing address for service of documents:

Ed Finklea
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Thank you, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure
cc: Ed Finklea (via e-mail)