

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM 1897

In the Matter of)
)
HYRDO ONE LIMITED,) CUB REQUEST FOR
) AN ISSUE FUND GRANT &
Application for Authorization to Exercise) PROPOSED BUDGET
Substantial Influence over the Policies and)
Actions of AVISTA CORPORATION.)
_____)

The Oregon Citizens' Utility Board (“CUB”) estimates eligible expenses of \$27,905 before the 20% match, and requests a grant of \$22,324 from the 2018 Avista Issue Fund. CUB has been tracking its participation in this docket by hours and activity.

CUB is pre-certified per OAR 860-012-0100(3)(a). UM 1897 is an eligible proceeding under the Fourth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (“IFA”), as approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission in Order No. 18-017, entered January 17, 2018. The proceeding directly affects Avista, which is a participating public utility under the IFA. *See* IFA at Article 1(k). CUB filed its Notice of Intent to Request an Issue Fund Grant on April 26, 2018, as required by the IFA (Article 6.2).

Pursuant to paragraph 6.3 of the IFA, the proposed budget must identify certain points of information. CUB provides the information below.

(a) Statement of Work to Be Performed:

CUB has already participated in initial proceedings in this docket and will continue to participate in all stages of the review of Avista’s request to approve its acquisition by Hydro One. This includes review of and comment on the scope of the proceeding, participation in workshops and settlement conferences, drafting testimony and briefs, and participation at a hearing, if one occurs.

(b) Description of Areas to Be Investigated: CUB will investigate issues including, but not limited to:

1. Risks associated with ownership change
2. Benefits to natural gas customers
3. Ring-fencing provisions to protect Avista's customers
4. Risks associated with foreign ownership (currency, NAFTA)

(c) Description of the Class or Classes Benefiting from CUB's Participation:

CUB represents the interests of Avista's residential customers, though other customer classes may benefit from many aspects of our participation.

(d) The Fund from Which CUB Seeks an Issue Fund Grant & Available Funds: CUB is seeking a of \$22,324 grant from the 2018 Avista Issue Fund. CUB's budget shows eligible expenses of \$27,905, but CUB limits its request in this case to \$22,324. CUB respectfully requests the Commission to approve CUB's request for a \$22,324 grant from the 2018 Avista Issue Fund.

(e) The Budget Showing Estimated Fees and Costs: CUB's budget accompanies this document as Attachment A.

(f) A Representation of the Use of Matching Funds: The budget and an accounting for the use of matching funds accompany this document as Attachment A.

Dated this 26th day of April, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,



Bob Jenks
Executive Director
Oregon Citizens' Utility Board

CUB Proposed Budget -- UM 1897

CUB Internal Expenses	Rate	Hours	Cost
<i>Staff</i>			
Bob Jenks, Executive Director	\$250	20.00	\$5,000.00
Liz Jones, Staff Attorney	\$225	45.00	\$10,125.00
Will Gehrke, Economist	\$200	55.00	\$11,000.00
Sarah Ryan-Knox, Paralegal	\$100	16.00	\$1,600.00
<i>Other Expenses</i>			
Printing, Mailing & Travel			\$180.00
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In-House Resources			
20% of Eligible Expenses			(\$5,581)
Total			\$22,324