

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

**UM 1897**

In the Matter of	)	
	)	REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF ISSUE
AVISTA CORPORATION, dba	)	FUND GRANT OF ALLIANCE OF
AVISTA UTILITIES,	)	WESTERN ENERGY CONSUMERS
	)	
Application for Authorization to Exercise	)	
Substantial Influence over the Policies	)	
and Actions of Avista Corporation.	)	

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Pursuant to Section 7.3 of the Fourth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (“IFA”) approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) in Order No. 18-017 (January 17, 2018), Alliance of Western Energy Consumers (“AWEC”) hereby requests payment of AWEC’s Issue Fund Grant in Docket No. UM 1897 in the amount of \$35,760. In support of this request, AWEC shows the following:

1. On January 22, 2018, AWEC, fka Northwest Industrial Gas Users (“NWIGU”), filed a Proposed Issue Fund Budget in the amount of \$44,700 less in-house resources of 20 percent, for a total grant request of up to \$35,760. The Commission approved the Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$35,760 on January 29, 2018. *In the Matter of Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities, Application for Authorization to Exercise Substantial Influence over the Policies and Actions of Avista Corporation*, OPUC Docket No. UM 1897, Order No. 18-027 (January 29, 2018).

2. This matter ended up being far more complex and protracted than expected, and AWEC has used the entire approved Issue Fund in this matter. AWEC hereby requests that the Commission authorize payment of the approved Issue Fund

Grant in this docket in the amount of \$35,760 (\$44,700 minus 20 percent), which is the full amount authorized. AWEC's Eligible Expenses for this proceeding through August 2018 are shown in Confidential Attachment A.

3. 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 and continues to be a full and active participant in this docket. AWEC and its consultants participated in discovery in this proceeding, participated in workshops, participated in informal meetings and telephone conferences with Avista, Hydro One, Staff, and CUB, and participated in settlement workshops and discussions, as well as drafting 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 AWEC's participation in UM 1897 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 the approved issue fund in this docket.

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 AWEC’s proposed budget in this proceeding.

5. Upon approval of this request for payment by the Commission, Avista should send payment to AWEC as follows:

Alliance of Western Energy Consumers  
818 SW Third Avenue #266  
Portland, OR 97204

6. 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 \$35,760 (\$44,700 minus 20 percent) from the Avista 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 no funds remaining in the approved Issue Fund Grant, and AWEC will seek the remainder of its fees and expenses through an amended issues fund grant request or Matching Funds.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.

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