

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON
UM 1897**

In the Matter of)	
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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.)	
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The Oregon Citizens' Utility Board (“CUB”) estimates eligible expenses of \$16,966 before the 20% match, and requests a grant of \$13,573 from the 2017 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 Third Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (“IFA”), as approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission in Order No. 15-335, entered October 20, 2015. 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 October 18, 2017, 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 intends to participate in every procedural aspect of this case. CUB participated in the prehearing conference, and will participate in all workshops and settlement meetings. We will pursue discovery of Avista through data requests. CUB will review and analyze testimony and briefs yet to be filed in this docket. We will file testimony and a prehearing brief, we will participate in the hearing, and we will file a post-hearing brief in this docket.

(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 \$13,573 grant from the 2017 Avista Issue Fund. CUB's budget shows eligible expenses of \$16,966, but CUB limits its request in this case to \$13,573. CUB respectfully requests that the Commission approve CUB's request for a \$13,573 grant from the 2017 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 27th day of October, 2017.

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	19.00	\$4,750.00
Liz Jones, Staff Attorney	\$225	30.00	\$6,750.00
Will Gehrke, Economist	\$150	30.00	\$4,500.00
Sarah Ryan-Knox, Paralegal	\$75	10.00	\$750.00
<i>Other Expenses</i>			
Printing, Mailing & Travel			\$216.00
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In-House Resources			
20% of Eligible Expenses			(\$3,393)
Total			\$13,573