BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM 1918

In the Matter of

AVISTA CORPORATION, dba AVISTA UTILITIES,

Application for Authorization to Defer Federal Income Tax Expenses for the Effects of Revisions of the Federal Income Tax Code upon Avista's Cost of Service. ALLIANCE OF WESTERN ENERGY CONSUMERS' NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST ISSUE FUND GRANT

Pursuant to OAR § 860-001-0120 and the Fourth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement ("IFA"), approved by the Public Utility Commission of Oregon ("Commission") in Order No. 18-017 (January 17, 2018), Alliance of Western Energy Consumers ("AWEC") hereby respectfully submit this Notice of Intent to Request an Issue Fund Grant in Docket UM 1918. As required by the IFA, AWEC asserts the following:

1. UM 1918 is an Eligible Proceeding under the IFA. UM 1918 will directly affect Avista Corporation *dba* Avista Utilities ("Avista"), a Participating Public Utility under Section 1(k) of the IFA, because it involves the authorization to defer certain expenses or revenues associated with the 2018 U.S. Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. The outcome of this proceeding will have an impact on customer rates. Therefore, an Issue Fund Grant is permissible under Section 6.1 of the IFA.

2. As required by IFA Section 6.2, this Notice of Intent is being served on each affected Participating Public Utility, all pre-certified organizations, and all parties identified on the service list for UM 1918.

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3. AWEC identifies the Avista Issue Fund Account as the account from which AWEC intends to request the Issue Fund Grant. The amount of the request will depend on the availability of funds in that account when AWEC submits a budget.

4. AWEC has been precertified under Section 5.2 of the IFA and OAR § 860-001-0120(3) as eligible to receive an Issue Fund Grant.

5. AWEC will submit a budget in accordance with Section 6.3 of the IFA.

Dated this 19th day of November 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

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