## **BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

## **OF OREGON**

## **UM 2277**

In the Matter of the Application of

Avista Corporation dba Avista Utilities Requesting Authority To Revise Its Natural Gas Book Depreciation Rates And Deferred Accounting ALLIANCE OF WESTERN ENERGY CONSUMERS' NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST ISSUE FUND GRANT

Pursuant to OAR § 860-001-0120 and the Fifth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement ("IFA"), approved by the Public Utility Commission of Oregon ("Commission") in Order No. 22-506 (December 29, 2022), Alliance of Western Energy Consumer's ("AWEC") hereby respectfully submit this Notice of Intent to Request an Issue Fund Grant in Docket No. UM 2277. As required by the IFA, AWEC asserts the following:

1. UM 2277 is an Eligible Proceeding under the IFA. The IFA defines an Eligible Proceeding as "any Commission proceeding that directly affects one or more of the Participating Public Utilities." IFA, Section 1(c). UM 2277 will directly affect Avista Corporation dba Avista Utilities ("Avista"), a Participating Public Utility under Section 1(k) of the IFA. 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 2277.

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.

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4. AWEC has been pre-certified 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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