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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING & U.S. MAIL

Oregon Public Utility Commission Attn: Filing Center 3930 Fairview Industrial Drive SE P.O. Box 1088 Salem, Oregon 97308-1088

Re:

In the Matter of Avista Corporation dba Avista Utilities Request for a General

Rate Revision

Docket No. UG 284

Dear Filing Center:

Enclosed please find the original and one (1) copy of the NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL GAS USERS' PETITION TO INTERVENE in the above-referenced docket.

Thank you for your assistance with this filing. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Tommy A. Brooks

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cc: UG 284 Service List

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UG-284

In the Matter of

AVISTA CORPORATION dba AVISTA UTILITIES

Request for a General Rate Revision

NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL GAS USERS' PETITION TO INTERVENE

and Waiver of Paper Service

Pursuant to ORS § 756.525, OAR § 860-001-0300(2), and the Notice of Prehearing Conference dated September 5, 2014, Northwest Industrial Gas Users ("NWIGU") hereby submits this Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned proceeding and seeks party status as provided in OAR § 860-001-0300(7). In support of this Petition to Intervene, NWIGU states as follows:

1. The name and address of NWIGU as a party of record in this proceeding is:

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Chad M. Stokes and Tommy A. Brooks from the law firm Cable Huston LLP will represent NWIGU in this proceeding. In addition to Mr. Finklea, all documents related to this proceeding should be served on NWIGU's attorneys at the following address:

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- 2. NWIGU is a non-profit association comprised of more than 40 end users of natural gas with major facilities in the States of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. NWIGU members include diverse industrial and commercial interests, including food processing, pulp and paper, wood products, electric generation, aluminum, steel, chemicals, electronics, aerospace, and healthcare providers. The association provides an informational service to its members and participates in various regulatory matters that affect member interests. NWIGU member companies purchase sales and transportation services from Oregon local distribution companies like Avista Corporation dba Avista Utilities ("Avista").
- 3. On September 2, 2014, Avista filed an application seeking a general rate revision that proposes to increase its revenue by \$9.14 million (9.3%). As customers of Avista, NWIGU member companies will be impacted by any outcome in this proceeding. NWIGU therefore has a direct and substantial interest in this proceeding. No other party can adequately represent those interests.
- 4. NWIGU's participation in this proceeding will assist the Commission in resolving the issues, and will not unreasonably broaden the issues, unduly burden the record, or delay the proceeding. Specifically, NWIGU will be able to advise the Commission on issues including cost of service, rate spread, rate design, revenue requirement, and return on equity.
 - 5. NWIGU waives paper service of documents in this proceeding.
- 6. NWIGU is also filing a Notice of Intent to Request an Issue Fund Grant concurrently with this Petition to Intervene.

WHEREFORE, NWIGU respectfully requests leave to intervene and requests all the rights of a party in this proceeding.

Dated this 10th day of September 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

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Of Attorneys for the Northwest Industrial Gas Users

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that I have on this day served the foregoing document upon all parties of record in this proceeding via electronic mail and/or by mailing a copy properly addressed with first class postage prepaid.

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