

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

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In the Matter of the Application of:

AVISTA CORPORATION DBA
AVISTA UTILITIES,

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), 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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2. NWIGU is a non-profit association comprised of approximately 38 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 including Avista Corporation dba Avista Utilities (“Avista”).

3. On November 29, 2016, Avista filed an Application to increase retail rates for Oregon customers. Specifically, the Company is requesting authority to increase rates for retail customers by \$8,539,000 or 9.0 which would produce an overall rate of return of 7.83 percent and a return on equity of 9.9 percent.

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.

5. NWIGU waives paper service of documents in this proceeding.

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

Dated this 23rd day of December 2016.

Respectfully submitted,



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