

**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' PETITION TO  
INTERVENE

Pursuant to ORS § 756.525 and OAR § 860-001-0300(2), Alliance of Western Energy Consumers ("AWEC") hereby submits this Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned proceeding and seeks party status. In support of this Petition to Intervene, AWEC states as follows:

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

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2. AWEC 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. AWEC 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. AWEC member companies purchase sales and transportation services from Oregon local distribution companies including Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities (“Avista”).

3. Avista filed an application for authorization to defer certain expenses or revenues associated with the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (“TCJA”) pursuant to 757.259 and OAR 860-27-0300. The Commission’s decision in this matter will have a direct impact on customer rates and, therefore, will impact AWEC’s members.

4. AWEC’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.

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

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 2018.

Respectfully submitted,



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