

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 2124

In the Matter of

AVISTA CORPORATION, dba AVISTA UTILITIES, Application for an Order for approval to change its accounting for Federal income tax expense for certain plant basis adjustments and deferral of associated change in tax expense.

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 with a membership consisting 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 those related to 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. On October 30, 2020, Avista filed an Application for Authorization to Approve Federal Income Tax Expense for Certain Plant Basis Adjustments Changes and to Defer Associated Change in Tax Expense. Because AWEC member companies purchase sales and transportation services from Avista, AWEC has a direct and substantial interest in Avista’s application and, therefore, in this proceeding.

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.

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

Dated this 9th day of December, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chad M. Stokes".

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