## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

## **OF OREGON**

## **UM 1897**

In the Matter of	)	
HYRDO ONE LIMITED,	,	NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST ISSUE FUND GRANT OF THE OREGON CITIZENS' UTILITY BOARD
Application for Authorization to Exercise Substantial Influence over the Policies and Actions of AVISTA CORPORATION.	) (	
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The Oregon Citizens' Utility Board (CUB) files this Notice of Intent to Request an Issue Fund Grant in UM 1897, pursuant to OAR 860-012-0100(3)(a) and the Third Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (IFA), approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission (Commission) in Order No. 15-335 (October 20, 2015).

- 1. The Public Utility Commission of Oregon has opened a docket to investigate the proposed Merger Agreement between Hydro One and Avista, which provides for the acquisition of Avista by Hydro One, with Avista as the surviving corporation in the merger. The Commission will examine this filing in Docket No. UM 1897.
- 2. UM 1897 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, Article 1(c).
- 3. UM 1897 will directly affect Avista, which is a Participating Public Utility under Article 1(k) of the IFA.
- 4. As required by IFA Article 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 from UM 1897<sup>-1</sup>
- CUB identifies the 2017 Avista Issue Fund Account as the account from which
  CUB intends to request the Issue Fund Grant.
- 6. CUB has been pre-certified under Article 5.2(a) of the IFA and OAR 860-001-0120(3)(a), as eligible to receive an Issue Fund Grant.
- 7. CUB will file a proposed budget with respect to the Issue Fund Grant, as provided in Article 6.3 of the IFA.

Dated this 18th day of October, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>1</sup> CUB requests a waiver of IFA Article 6.2, which requires any potential intervenor seeking an Issue Fund Grant to file its notice of intent to request an Issue Fund Grant concurrent with its petition to intervene or notice of intervention. CUB does not believe that any party would be harmed by the delay between the date CUB filed its notice of intervention and the date that it filed its notice of intent to request an Issue Fund Grant.