

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM 1357 (7)

In the Matter of)	
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NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL GAS)	ORDER
USERS)	
)	
Request for Intervenor Funding.)	

DISPOSITION: MATCHING GRANT REQUEST APPROVED

On December 31, 2008, the Northwest Industrial Gas Users (NWIGU) filed a Request for Payment of Preauthorized Matching Grant with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission). Section 7.2 of the Intervenor Funding Agreement (IFA), which the Commission adopted in Order No. 03-388 and extended as restated and amended in Order No. 07-564, provides that the Commission will grant such a request if the intervenor satisfies the requirements under the terms of the Agreement.

NWIGU asks for \$3,699.36 from the Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities (Avista Utilities) Preauthorized Matching Fund Account. Funds from the Avista Utilities Preauthorized Matching Fund Account are available for use exclusively by NWIGU. Section 7.2 of the IFA, governs the procedures for payment of Matching Grants. To be eligible to receive intervenor funding under the IFA, an intervenor must become either precertified under section 5.2 of the IFA or case certified under section 5.3 of the IFA. NWIGU was precertified to receive intervenor funding grants in Order No. 04-055.

Under the terms of the Section 7.2 of the IFA, NWIGU must establish that it has "used in-house resources or outside funding for at least 50% of the Eligible Expenses for an Eligible Proceeding." NWIGU provided such documentation in its request.

Section 7.7 of the IFA provides that the Commission shall make a determination in each proceeding as to how the participating utilities are to recover the funding grants from the various customer classes. Pursuant to Section 7.7(b), the "Preauthorized Matching Grants shall be allocated and charged to industrial customers."

We find that NWIGU has met the requirements of the IFA, and its request should be approved. Section 7.2 of the IFA provides that the utility shall pay the Preauthorized Matching Grant to the requesting intervenor within 30 days after receipt of Commission directive.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Northwest Industrial Gas Users has met the requirements of the Intervenor Funding Agreement, and its request is approved.
2. Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities shall pay \$3,699.36 from the Avista Utilities Preauthorized Matching Fund to the Northwest Industrial Gas Users within 30 days after receipt of this Order, and the grant shall be assessed to the industrial customers of Avista Utilities.

Made, entered, and effective JAN 20 2009.



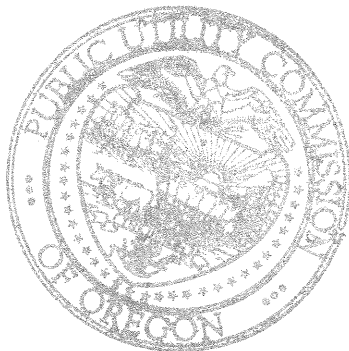
Lee Beyer
Chairman



John Savage
Commissioner



Ray Baum
Commissioner



A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order pursuant to ORS 756.561. A request for rehearing or reconsideration must be filed with the Commission within 60 days of the date of service of this order. The request must comply with the requirements in OAR 860-014-0095. A copy of any such request must also be served on each party to the proceeding as provided by OAR 860-013-0070(2). A party may appeal this order by filing a petition for review with the Court of Appeals in compliance with ORS 183.480-183.484.