

ORDER NO.

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1357 (30)

In the Matter of

NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL GAS
USERS

Request for Intervenor Funding.

ORDER

DISPOSITION: MATCHING GRANT REQUEST APPROVED

On March 29, 2011, the Northwest Industrial Gas Users (NWIGU) filed with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) a Request for Payment of Preauthorized Matching Grant. Section 7.2 of the First Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (IFA), adopted by the Commission 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 \$1,497.52 from the 2010 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."

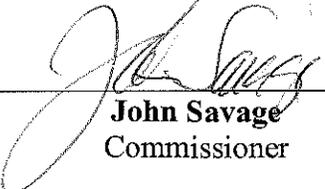
We find that NWIGU has met the requirements of the IFA, and its request should be approved. Section 7.2 of the IFA provides that the utility shall pay the Preauthorized Matching Grant to the requesting intervenor within 30 days after receipt of Commission directive.

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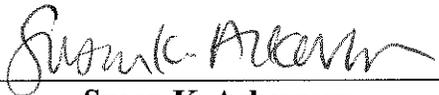
IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Northwest Industrial Gas Users has met the requirements of the Intervenor Funding Agreement, and its request is approved.
2. Avista Utilities shall pay \$1,497.52 from the 2010 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 APR 21 2011



John Savage
Commissioner



Susan K. Ackerman
Commissioner

