

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1357 (44)

In the Matter of

NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL GAS
USERS

Request for Intervenor Funding.

ORDER

DISPOSITION: MATCHING GRANT REQUEST APPROVED

On March 22, 2013, the Northwest Industrial Gas Users (NWIGU) filed 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 \$518.74 from the Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities Preauthorized Matching Fund Account. Funds from 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 percent 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 will make a determination in each proceeding as to how the participating utilities are to recover the funding grants from the various customer classes. Under 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 must 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 \$518.74 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 Avista Utilities' industrial customers.

Made, entered, and effective MAR 27 2013.


Susan K. Ackerman
Chair


John Sayage
Commissioner


Stephen M. Bloom
Commissioner

