ORDER NO. 19-127

ENTERED Apr 11 2019

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

## **OF OREGON**

UM 1929

In the Matter of

ALLIANCE OF WESTERN ENERGY CONSUMERS

ORDER

Request for Intervenor Funding.

DISPOSITION: MATCHING GRANT REQUESTS APPROVED

On April 27, 2019, the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers, formerly known as the Northwest Industrial Gas Users (AWEC) filed Requests for Payment of Preauthorized Matching Grants. Section 7.2 of the Fourth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (Agreement), adopted by the Commission in Order No. 18-017, governs the procedures for payment of Matching Fund Grants. Funds from the Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities Matching Fund; the Cascade Natural Gas Company Matching Fund; and the Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural, Matching Fund are available for use exclusively by AWEC. AWEC, as the Northwest Industrial Gas Users, was precertified to receive Matching Fund Grants on February 3, 2004, in Order No. 04-055.

AWEC asks for \$9,971.46 from the 2018 Avista Utilities Matching Fund Account, \$1,144.00 from the 2018 Cascade Natural Gas Matching Fund Account, and \$23,575.62 from the 2018 NW Natural Preauthorized Matching Fund Account. Under the terms of the Agreement, AWEC must establish that it has used in-house resources or outside funding for at least 35 percent of the Eligible Expenses for an Eligible Proceeding. AWEC provided the required documentation in its requests.

Section 7.7 of the Agreement 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. Section 7.7(b) of the Agreement provides that the Preauthorized Matching Grants are allocated and charged to industrial customers.

The Commission finds that AWEC has met the requirements of the Agreement, and its requests should be approved. Section 7.2 of the Agreement provides that the utility must pay the Preauthorized Matching Grant to the requesting intervenor within 30 days after receipt of the Commission directive.

## **ORDER**

## IT IS ORDERED that:

- 1. The Alliance of Western Energy Consumers has met the requirements of the Fourth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement, and its requests are approved.
- 2. Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities pay \$9,971.46 from the 2018 Avista Utilities Preauthorized Matching Fund to the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers within 30 days after receipt of this order, and the grant is assessed to Avista Utilities' industrial customers.
- 3. Cascade Natural Gas Corporation pay \$1,144.00 from the 2018 Cascade Natural Gas Preauthorized Matching Fund to the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers within 30 days after receipt of this order, and the grant is assessed to Cascade Natural Gas's industrial customers.
- 4. Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural, pay \$23,575.62 from the 2018 NW Natural Preauthorized Matching Fund to the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers within 30 days after receipt of this order, and the grant is assessed to NW Natural's industrial customers.

Made.	entered.	and eff	ective	Apr 11, 2019	
made,	Circica	and Ch	CCLIVC	•	



**Nolan Moser** Chief Administrative Law Judge

Administrative Hearings Division