

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of)	
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AVISTA CORPORATION, dba AVISTA)	ORDER
UTILITIES)	
)	
Request for General Rate Revision.)	

DISPOSITION: ISSUE FUND GRANT REQUEST APPROVED

On April 28, 2008, Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (CUB) filed a Request for Payment of the Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities (Avista Utilities) Issue Fund Grant with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission). CUB filed an Errata Request for Payment on May 15, 2008. Section 7.3 of the First Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (Agreement), adopted by the Commission in Order No. 07-564, governs the procedures for payment of Issue Fund Grants. CUB was automatically precertified to receive Issue Fund Grants under Section 5.2(a) of the original Intervenor Funding Agreement adopted in Commission Order No. 03-388 and OAR 860-012-0100(3)(a).

CUB asks for a final payment of \$2,313 from the Avista Utilities' Issue Fund and states that the remaining balance of the approved budget may be released back to the Avista Utilities' Issue Fund. Under the Agreement, the Request for Payment must:

1. Itemize the expenses, payees and hourly rates of amount to be reimbursed;
2. Demonstrate that the expenses are reasonable and are directly attributable to issues and positions pursued on behalf of a particular customer class and consistent with the intervenor's proposed budget;
3. Provide information sufficient to show that the intervenor has complied with any conditions, including the matching funds requirement, imposed on the Issue Fund Grant; and
4. Specify whether the request for payment is for a progress payment or a final payment and indicate whether any approved budget amount may be released back to the applicable Issue Fund.

CUB provided the required documentation in its request.

The Agreement provides that the Commission 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), allocation of Issue Fund Grants should align the costs of the advocacy with the intended potential beneficiaries of the advocacy. We have considered the intended beneficiaries and find that allocation of the issue fund expenditures to the residential customers of Avista Utilities is appropriate.

We find that CUB has met the requirements of the Agreement and its request should be approved. Section 7.8 of the Agreement provides that the utility are required to pay the Issue Fund Grant to the requesting intervenor within 30 days after receipt of Commission directive. The balance of the approved budget should be made available to the Issue Fund of Avista Utilities provided no party requests clarification or reconsideration of Order No. 08-185 within the appropriate timeframe.

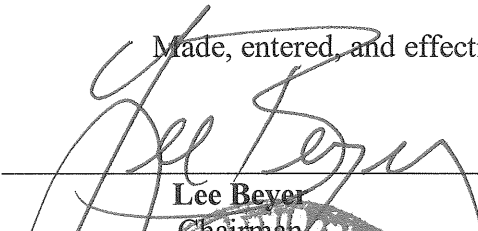
ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

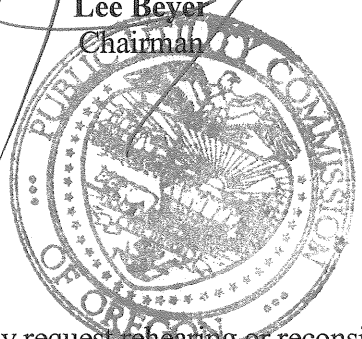
1. The Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon has met the requirements of the First Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement, and its request is approved.
2. Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities (Avista Utilities) shall pay \$2313 from the Avista Utilities Issue Fund to the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon within 30 days after receipt of this Order, and the grant shall be assessed to the residential customers of Avista Utilities.

Made, entered, and effective

MAY 19 2008



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.