

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

**LC 55**

In the Matter of	)	
	)	CUB REQUEST FOR AN
AVISTA CORPORATION dba AVISTA	)	AVISTA ISSUE FUND GRANT &
UTILITIES	)	PROPOSED BUDGET
	)	
2012 Integrated Resource Plan	)	
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The Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (“CUB”) requests a grant of \$13,420 from the Avista Utilities (“Avista”) Issue Fund. CUB staff will keep track of their participation by hours and activity.

CUB is precertified per OAR 860-001-0120(3)(a). LC 55 is an eligible proceeding under the Intervenor Funding Agreement (“IFA”), adopted by the Commission on December 19, 2007 in Order No. 07-564, because the proceeding directly affects Avista, a participating public utility under the IFA (Article 1(k)). CUB filed its Notice of Intent to Request an Avista Issue Fund Grant on September 12, 2012, concurrent with its Notice of Intervention, as required by the Intervenor Funding Agreement (Article 6.2).

Pursuant to Article 6.3 of the Intervenor Funding Agreement, the proposed budget must identify certain points of information. We provide the information below.

*(a) Statement of Work to Be Performed:* CUB intends to participate in every procedural aspect of this IRP docket, either in person or by phone. We participated in the pre-hearing conference. We will attend and participate in all or most workshops, public meetings, and Commission presentations. We will review and analyze Avista’s Resource Plan, its appendices, and its updates. We will pursue discovery of Avista through data requests, and will respond to data requests asked of us. We will file comments concerning the plan. We will review and analyze comments filed by other

parties. We will file opening and reply comments, and present our recommendations to the Commission, including any proposed modifications or conditions.

*(b) Description of Areas to Be Investigated:* CUB intends to investigate issues including, but not limited to:

- A. Issues related to gas supply and storage;
- B. Avista's procurement plan, including its hedging strategy;
- C. Major distribution system enhancement projects, and;
- D. Issues Raised by Other Parties.

*(c) Description of the Class or Classes Benefiting From CUB's Participation:*

CUB represents the interests of Avista's residential customers, though other customer classes may benefit from many aspects of our participation.

*(d) The Fund from Which CUB Seeks an Issue Fund Grant & Available Funds:* CUB is seeking an issue fund grant from the Avista Issue Fund. CUB's proposed budget of \$13,420 would leave roughly \$42,885.00 uncommitted in the Avista Issue Fund, which currently has an uncommitted balance of approximately \$56,305.00.

*(e) The Budget Showing Estimated Fees and Costs:* CUB's budget accompanies this document as Attachment A.

*(f) A Representation of the Use of Matching Funds:* The budget and an accounting for the use of matching funds accompany this document as Attachment A.

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2012  
Respectfully submitted,



Executive Director  
Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon

Attachment A

**CUB Budget - LC 55**

<b>CUB Internal Expenses</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<i>Staff</i>			
Bob Jenks, Executive Director	\$220	20	\$4,400
Catriona McCracken, General Counsel	\$220	20	\$4,400
Gordon Feighner, Sr. Utility Analyst	\$125	25	\$3,125
SA Anders, Business and Projects Mgr	\$75	3	\$225
Nadine Hanhan, Utility Analyst	\$100	25	\$2,500
Sommer Templet, Staff Attorney	\$125	15	\$1,875
<i>Other Expenses</i>			
Printing & Mailing			\$100
Travel			\$150
<b>In-House Resources</b>			
20% of Eligible Expenses			(\$3,355)
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$13,420</b>

## LC 55 – CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2012, I served the foregoing **CUB REQUEST FOR AN IDAHO POWER ISSUE FUND GRANT & PROPOSED BUDGET** in docket LC 55 upon each party listed in the LC 55 PUC Service List by email and, where paper service is not waived, by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, and upon the Commission by email and by sending one original and one copy by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, to the Commission's Salem offices.

(W denotes waiver of paper service)

(C denotes service of Confidential material authorized)

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