

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UG 171(3)

In the Matter of)	
)	CUB REQUEST FOR AN
)	AVISTA ISSUE FUND GRANT &
OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY STAFF)	PROPOSED BUDGET
Requesting the Commission Direct)	
AVISTA to File Tariffs Establishing)	
Automatic Adjustment Clauses Under)	
the Terms of SB 408.)	
)	

The Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (CUB) requests a grant of \$11,100 from the 2009 Avista Issue Fund. This presumes a fully litigated case; settlement of some or all of the issues would likely reduce our total request for reimbursement. CUB staff will keep track of their participation by hours and activity.

CUB is precertified as per OAR 860-012-0100(3)(a). UG 171(3) is an eligible proceeding under the Intervenor Funding Agreement, adopted by the Commission on December 19, 2007 in Order No. 07-564, because the proceeding directly affects Avista, a participating public utility (Agreement 1(k)). CUB filed a Notice of Intent to Request an Avista Issue Fund Grant, as required by the Intervenor Funding Agreement (Agreement 6.2).

Pursuant to paragraph 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 case. We participated in the pre-hearing conference. We will attend and participate in all or most workshops, settlement meetings, hearings, and Commission presentations. We will review and analyze Avista's opening, and rebuttal testimony, and briefs. We will review and analyze testimony and briefs filed by other parties. We will pursue discovery of Avista through data requests, and will respond to data requests asked of us. We will file reply testimony, and briefs, 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. Avista's tax liability attributed to Oregon utility service;
- B. Avista's taxes that are charged to customers; and
- C. Avista's claims that refunding overpayments is unconstitutional

(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 2009 Avista Issue Fund. CUB recently filed its final reimbursement for docket UG 186. In that docket, the PUC approved a budget of \$29,252 for CUB, but with the settlement of the docket, CUB's reimbursement is \$13,550. CUB has released the difference (\$15,700), which ensures that there are funds available for this budget.

(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 accompanies this document as Attachment A.

Dated this 2nd Day of December, 2009
Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Jenks". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Bob Jenks
Executive Director
Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon

Attachment A

CUB Budget - UG 171 (3)

CUB Internal Expenses	Rate	Hours	Cost
<i>Staff</i>			
Bob Jenks, Executive Director	\$150	30	\$4,500
Catriona McCracken, Attorney	\$150	35	\$5,250
Gordon Feighner, Utility Analyst	\$75	45	\$3,375
SA Anders, Business and Projects Mgr	\$50	10	\$500
 <i>Other Expenses</i>			
Printing & Mailing			\$100
Travel			\$150
 In-House Resources			
20% of Eligible Expenses			(\$2,775)
 Total			
			\$11,100

UG 171(3) – CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on this 2nd day of December, 2009, I served the foregoing CUB REQUEST FOR AN AVISTA ISSUE FUND GRANT & PROPOSED BUDGET upon all parties of record in docket UG 171(3), as listed in the 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 an original and 1 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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