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Oregon Public Utility Commission
Attn: Filing Center
550 Capitol Street, N.E., #215
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Re: Docket UG-171(4) - In the Matter of Oregon Public Utility Staff Requesting the Commission direct Avista Utilities to File Tariffs Establishing Automatic Adjustment Clauses Under the Terms of SB 408
Notice of Withdrawal of Intent to Request an Issue Fund Grant

Dear Filing Center:

Article 6.3 of the First Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (“IFA”), provides that precertified intervenors seeking an issue fund grant must submit a proposed budget to the Commission. On November 16, 2010, the Northwest Industrial Gas Users (“NWIGU”) provided notice of its intent to seek an Issue Fund Grant under the IFA for this docket.

After consultation with PUC Staff and participating in this docket with the other parties, NWIGU does not at this time anticipate that participation in this docket will require the retention of an expert witness or significant briefing on the potential issues that have or will arise in this docket. Accordingly at this time, NWIGU no longer sees a need to seek an Issue Fund Grant for this docket, and NWIGU will not submit a proposed budget for such a grant. NWIGU will instead seek reimbursement from matching funds for NWIGU’s participation in this docket.

NWIGU respectfully withdraws its Notice of Intent to Request an Issue Fund Grant. Should you have any questions regarding this filing, please call.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Tommy A. Brooks
Tommy A. Brooks

cc: UG-171 Current Service List (via e-mail and first class mail)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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