

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

**UG 181**

In the Matter of	)	
	)	CUB REQUEST FOR AN
AVISTA UTILITIES,	)	AVISTA ISSUE FUND GRANT &
	)	PROPOSED BUDGET
Request for General Rate Revision.	)	
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The Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (CUB) requests a grant of \$9,130 from the Avista Issue Fund. This accounts for the parties' settlement of some of the issues; settlement of some or all of the remaining issues would reduce the ultimate request for reimbursement. Due to the parties' settlement, CUB and the Northwest Industrial Gas Users have decided that hiring an independent consultant is not necessary. CUB staff will keep track of their participation by hours and activity.

CUB is precertified as per OAR 860-012-0100(3)(a). UG 181 is an eligible proceeding under the Intervenor Funding Agreement, adopted by the Commission in Order No. 07-564 (December 19, 2007), because the proceeding directly affects Avista, a participating public utility. Agreement 1(k). CUB filed its Notice of Intent to Request an Avista Issue Fund Grant concurrent with its Notice of Intervention, 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, rebuttal, and surrebuttal 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 response and surrebuttal testimony, and briefs. We will develop recommendations to the Commission and, where appropriate, propose modifications or conditions.

*(b) Description Of Areas To Be Investigated:* The parties have reached a settlement on Avista's cost of capital and capital requirements. CUB intends to investigate remaining issues including, but not limited to:

- A. Avista's costs and appropriate revenue requirement;
- B. The Company's long-run incremental cost study; and
- C. Issues raised by other parties to the proceeding.

*(c) Description Of The Class Or Classes Benefiting From CUB's Participation:*

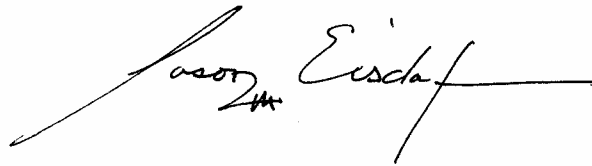
CUB represents the interests of Avista's residential customers, though other customer classes may benefit from many aspects of our participation.

*(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 combined with the Northwest Industrial Gas Users' proposed budget of approximately \$12,500, would leave approximately \$38,400 remaining in the Avista Issue Fund.

(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 16<sup>th</sup> Day of January, 2008  
Respectfully submitted,

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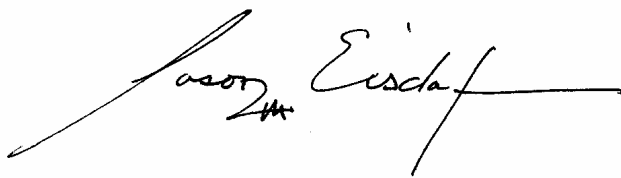
**CUB Budget - UG 181**

<b>CUB Internal Expenses</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<i>Staff</i>			
Bob Jenks, Executive Director	\$115	40	\$4,600
Jason Eisdorfer, Attorney	\$150	20	\$3,000
Lowrey Brown, Utility Analyst	\$75	45	\$3,375
Shannon Floyd, Business and Projects Mgr	\$40	6	\$240
<i>Other Expenses</i>			
Printing & Mailing			\$82
Travel			\$120
Sub-Total			\$11,417
CUB Matching Funds			-\$2,283
Total			\$9,134
<b>CUB Funding Request</b>			<b>\$9,130</b>

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2008, I served the foregoing Request for an Issue Fund Grant and Proposed Budget of the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon in docket UG 181 upon each party listed below, by email and, where paper service is not waived, by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, and upon the Commission by email and by sending 2 copies by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, to the Commission's Salem offices.

Respectfully submitted,



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