

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UG 186

In the Matter of)	
)	CUB REQUEST FOR A
AVISTA CORPORATION, DBA AVISTA)	AVISTA ISSUE FUND GRANT &
UTILITIES Request for a General Rate)	PROPOSED BUDGET
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The Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (CUB) requests a grant of \$29,252 from the 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 186 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 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 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 reply and surrebuttal 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 costs and appropriate revenue requirement;
- B. The Company's long-run incremental cost study;
- C. Issues related to SB 408; and
- D. 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 has consulted with NWIGU on proposed budgets and on sharing a consultant to analyze Avista's filing. CUB's proposed budget of \$29,252 would leave \$30,748 uncommitted in the Avista Issue Fund, which would accommodate NWIGU's proposed budget. The Avista Issues Fund currently has an uncommitted balance of \$60,000.

(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 18th Day of August, 2009
Respectfully submitted,

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

Executive Director
Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon

Attachment A

CUB Budget - UG186

CUB Internal Expenses	Rate	Hours	Cost
<i>Staff</i>			
Bob Jenks, Executive Director	\$150	35	\$5,250
Catriona McCracken, Attorney	\$150	45	\$6,750
Gordon Feighner, Utility Analyst	\$75	40	\$3,000
SA Anders, Business and Projects Mgr	\$50	10	\$500
Sakae Sakai, Legal Intern	\$40	20	\$800
 <i>Other Expenses</i>			
Printing & Mailing			\$100
Travel			\$150
 Consultant Expenses (split with NWIGU)			
Ellen Blumenthal	185	205	\$37,925
travel, mailing, printing			\$2,106
CUB's share of consultant expenses			\$20,016
 In-House Resources			
20% of Eligible Expenses			(\$7,313)
 Total			 \$29,252

UG 186 – CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on this 18th day of August, 2009, I served the foregoing **CUB'S REQUEST FOR AN AVISTA ISSUE FUND GRANT & PORPOSED BUDGET** in docket UG 186 upon each party listed in the UG 186 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 2 copies by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, to the Commission's Salem offices.

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