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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING
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Oregon Public Utility Commission
Attn: Filing Center
550 Capitol Street, N.E., #215
P.O. Box 2148
Salem, Oregon 97308-2148

**Re: *In the Matter of Avista Corporation dba Avista Utilities*
Request for a General Rate Revision
Docket No. UG 284**

Dear Filing Center:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter, please find an original and one (1) copy of the **Request for Payment of Issue Fund Grant of Northwest Industrial Gas Users**. Please note Exhibit A to the Request is Confidential and should not be posted to the Commission website. The confidential Exhibit will only be provided via first class mail to the Commission and to Avista.

Thank you for your assistance, and please do not hesitate to contact our office with any questions.

Very truly yours,



Tommy A. Brooks

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UG 284

In the Matter of)	
AVISTA CORPORATION dba AVISTA UTILITIES)	REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF ISSUE FUND GRANT OF NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL GAS USERS
Request for a General Rate Revision)	

Pursuant to Section 7.3 of the Second Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (“IFA”) approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) in Order No. 12-452 (November 20, 2012), Northwest Industrial Gas Users (“NWIGU”) hereby requests payment of NWIGU’s Issue Fund Grant in Docket No. UG 284 in the amount of \$31,686.81. In support of this request, NWIGU shows the following:

1. On October 23, 2014, NWIGU filed a Notice of Intent to Request an Issue Fund Grant and Proposed Issue Fund Budget of \$69,910 less in-house resources of 20 percent, for a total grant amount of \$55,928. However, because of limited funds that existed at that time in Avista’s issue fund account, NWIGU’s request was for an Issue Fund Grant of only \$35,750. The Commission approved the Issue Fund Grant with modifications, for NWIGU, in an amended amount of up to \$16,847.20 from the 2014 Issue Fund and up to \$17,250.00 from the 2015 Issue Fund. The total amount approved by the Commission for the Issue Fund Grant is \$34,097.20. *In the Matter of Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities Request for a General Rate Revision*, OPUC Docket No. UG 284, Order No. 14-363 (Oct. 24, 2014).

2. NWIGU hereby requests that the Commission authorize payment of the Issue Fund Grant in this docket in the amount of \$31,686.81. NWIGU's Eligible Expenses for this proceeding through March 2015 are shown in Confidential Attachment A.

3. NWIGU respectfully submits that this request for payment satisfies the requirement of IFA Section 7.4 as follows:

Section 7.3(a) - The itemized expenses, payees and hourly rates are attached as Confidential Attachment A.

Section 7.3(b) - NWIGU is a full and active participant in this docket. NWIGU and its consultants participated in discovery in this proceeding, participated in workshops, participated in informal meetings and telephone conferences with Avista, its consultants, Staff and CUB, retained its own Expert Witness Michael Gorman, participated in settlement workshops and discussions, and negotiated a settlement stipulation. The expenses included in Confidential Attachment A are Eligible Expenses as defined in IFA Section 7.4 and are reasonable and directly attributable to NWIGU's participation in UG 284 on behalf of all customers.

Section 7.4(c) - NWIGU used its own funds to pay for at least 20% of the Eligible Expenses as required by Section 6.5 of the IFA. In addition NWIGU has supplied substantial resources in this proceeding through its Executive Director's active involvement in addition to the Eligible Expenses set forth on Attachment A, which Attachment reflects only those Eligible Expenses from outside legal

counsel at the law firm of Cable Huston, LLP and NWIGU's expert witness,
Michael Gorman.

Section 7.4 – All of the expenses included in Confidential Attachment A are Eligible Expenses as defined in Section 7.4 of the IFA and are consistent with NWIGU's proposed budget in this proceeding. No conditions were placed on NWIGU's Issue Fund Grant in Order No. 14-363.

4. Upon approval of this request for payment by the Commission, Avista should send payment to NWIGU as follows (which address is different than NWIGU's mailing address for service):

Edward Finklea
Executive Director
Northwest Industrial Gas Users
P.O. Box 2058
Tualatin, Oregon 97062

5. NWIGU has satisfied the terms of the IFA and respectfully requests that the Commission approve payment of NWIGU's Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$16,847.20 from the 2014 Issue Fund and \$14,839.61 from the Avista 2015 Issue Fund within 30 days of receiving this Request for Payment as provided in Section 7.6 of the IFA. With this payment, there will be a remainder of \$2,410.39 in the approved Issue Fund Grant that can be released back to Avista's Issue Fund.

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Dated this 2nd day of June 2015.

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