

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UG 366

In the Matter of)	
)	
AVISTA CORPORATION dba)	CUB REQUEST FOR
AVISTA UTILITIES,)	AN ISSUE FUND GRANT &
)	PROPOSED BUDGET
REQUEST FOR A GENERAL RATE)	
REVISION)	
_____)	

The Oregon Citizens' Utility Board (“CUB”) estimates eligible expenses of \$38,000 before the 20% match and requests a grant of \$30,400 from the 2019 Avista Issue Fund. CUB has been tracking its participation in this docket by hours and activity.

CUB is pre-certified per OAR 860-012-0100(3)(a). UG 366 is an eligible proceeding under the Fourth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (“IFA”), as approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission in Order No. 18-017, entered January 17, 2018. The proceeding directly affects Avista, which is a participating public utility under the IFA. *See* IFA at Article 1(k). CUB filed its Notice of Intent to Request an Issue Fund Grant on March 19, 2019, as required by the IFA (Article 6.2).

Pursuant to paragraph 6.3 of the IFA, the proposed budget must identify certain points of information. CUB provides the information below.

(a) Statement of Work to Be Performed:

CUB has already participated in initial proceedings in this docket and will continue to participate in all stages of the review of Avista’s general rate case. This includes review of and comment on the scope of the proceeding, participation in workshops and settlement conferences, drafting testimony and briefs, and participation at a hearing, if one occurs.

(b) Description of Areas to Be Investigated: CUB will investigate issues including, but not limited to:

- i. Review capital additions added since last rate case;
- ii. Review of Avista's safety costs;
- iii. Review of Avista's Rate Spread;
- iv. Whether transaction costs from the merger are in the proposed rates; and
- v. Any issues raised by other interested parties.

(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 a grant of \$30,400 grant from the 2019 Avista Issue Fund. CUB respectfully requests the Commission to approve CUB's request for a \$30,400 grant from the 2019 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 accompany this document as Attachment A.

Dated this 19th day of April 2019.

Respectfully submitted,



Bob Jenks
Executive Director
Oregon Citizens' Utility Board

Attachment A

CUB Amended Budget -- UG 366

CUB Internal Expenses	Rate	Hours	Cost
<i>Staff</i>			
Bob Jenks, Executive Director	\$250	32.00	\$8,000.00
Michael Goetz, Staff Attorney	\$225	49.00	\$11,025.00
Essie Bender, Office Manager	\$100	4.00	\$400.00
Will Gehrke, Economist	\$200	78.00	\$15,600.00
Sudeshna Pal, Economist	\$175	17.00	\$2,975.00
 <i>Other Expenses</i>			
Travel			
SubTotal			\$38,000.00
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In-House Resources			
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20% of Eligible Expenses			\$7,600
Total			\$30,400