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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING & U.S. MAIL**

Oregon Public Utility Commission  
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Re: In the Matter of the Avista Corp. Request for General Rate Revision  
**Docket No. UG-181**

Dear Filing Center:

Enclosed please find the original and one (1) copy of NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL GAS USERS' PETITION TO INTERVENE AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST AN ISSUE FUND GRANT in the above-referenced docket.

Thank you for your assistance with this filing. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Edward A. Finklea

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Enclosure(s)

cc: UG-181 Service List (via email and/or US Mail)

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

**UG 181**

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| In the Matter of the              | )                            |
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| AVISTA CORPORATION                | ) THE NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL   |
|                                   | ) GAS USERS' PETITION TO     |
| Request for General Rate Revision | ) INTERVENE AND NOTICE OF    |
|                                   | ) INTENT TO REQUEST AN ISSUE |
|                                   | ) FUND GRANT                 |
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Pursuant to ORS § 756.525 and OAR § 860-013-0021, the Northwest Industrial Gas Users (“NWIGU”) hereby submit this Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned proceeding and seeks party status as provided in OAR § 860-011-0035(7). In addition, NWIGU files this Notice of Intent to Request an Issue Fund Grant in the above-captioned docket. In support of this pleading, NWIGU states as follows:

1. The name and address of NWIGU as a party of record in this proceeding is:

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2. NWIGU is a non-profit association comprised of thirty five end users of natural gas with major facilities in the States of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. NWIGU members include diverse industrial interests, including food processing, pulp and paper, wood products, electric generation, aluminum, steel, chemicals, electronics, and aerospace. The association provides an informational service to its members and participates in various regulatory matters that affect member interests. NWIGU member companies purchase transportation services from Williams Gas Pipeline – West, also known as Northwest Pipeline Corporation and TransCanada Gas Transmission Northwest Corporation. NWIGU member companies acquire sales and transportation services from Oregon local distribution companies (“LDCs”), including Avista in Southern Oregon.

3. On October 12, 2007 Avista filed an application to revise its Oregon tariff schedules to effectuate a general rate increase. Avista has requested authority to increase its general revenues from its Oregon natural gas services by \$2.975 million annually, or 2.3 percent overall. The percentage increases by rate class are 2.6 percent for residential customers, 1.8 percent for general service customers, 1.4 percent for large general service customers, and 9.4 percent for transportation service customers.

4. NWIGU member companies acquire gas sales and transportation services from Avista under its large general service and transportation service tariffs. The outcome of this proceeding will impact the rates paid by Avista’s Oregon customers. As customers of Avista, NWIGU member companies have a direct and substantial interest in this proceeding. No other party can adequately represent NWIGU member companies’ interest and NWIGU will be

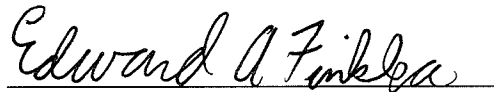
affected by any Commission determination made in this proceeding. Thus, NWIGU's participation in this proceeding will assist the Commission in resolving the issues, and will not unreasonably broaden the issues, unduly burden the record, or delay the proceeding.

5. Through this pleading, NWIGU also files its Notice of Intent to Request an Issue Fund Grant ("Notice of Intent") in the above-captioned docket pursuant to OAR § 860-017-0050 and the Intervenor Funding Agreement ("IFA") approved by this Commission in Order No. 07-487. NWIGU is pre-certified to receive an Issue Fund Grant under the IFA. NWIGU designates the Avista Account as the account from which NWIGU intends to request an Issue Fund Grant.

WHEREFORE, NWIGU respectfully requests leave to intervene, requests all the rights of a party in this proceeding and provides its Notice of Intent to Request an Issue Fund Grant in this proceeding.

DATED: November 29, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,



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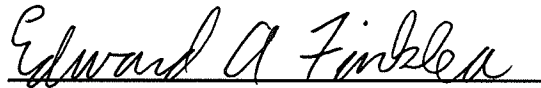
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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that I have on this day served the foregoing document upon all parties of record in this proceeding via electronic mail or by mailing a copy properly addressed with first class postage prepaid.

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Dated in Portland, Oregon, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2007.



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