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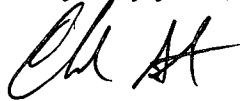
Re: In the Matter of the Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities Request for General
Rate Revision
Docket No. UG 186

Dear Filing Center:

Enclosed are the original and one copy of the Northwest Industrial Gas Users' Petition to Intervene and Waiver of Paper Service filed via electronic mail today with the OPUC's Filing Center in the above referenced docket..

Thank you for your assistance in these matters.

Very truly yours,



Chad M. Stokes

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UG 186

In the Matter of)	
)	
AVISTA CORPORATION, dba AVISTA UTILITIES,)	THE NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL GAS USERS' PETITION TO
)	INTERVENE and Waiver of Paper
Request for a General Rate Revision.)	Service
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Pursuant to ORS § 756.525 and OAR § 860-012-0001, the Northwest Industrial Gas Users (“NWIGU”) hereby submit this Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned proceeding and seek party status as provided in OAR § 860-011-0035(7). In support of this Petition, 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-eight 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 Northwest Pipeline GP and TransCanada Gas Transmission Northwest Corporation, and purchase sales and transportation services from Oregon local distribution companies (“LDCs”), including Avista Corporation DBA Avista Utilities (“Avista”), that acquire service from the interstate pipelines.

3. On June 24, 2009, Avista filed a request for a general rate revision with the Oregon Public Utility Commission (“Commission”). If approved, Avista’s request would result in an overall rate increase of \$14,205,000 or 11.6 percent, which, according to Avista, would produce an overall rate of return of 8.96 percent and a return on equity of 11.00 percent. As customers of Avista, NWIGU member companies will be impacted by any outcome in this proceeding. NWIGU therefore has 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.

4. NWIGU's participation in this proceeding will assist the Commission resolving the issues, and will not unreasonably broaden the issues, unduly burden the record, or delay the proceeding.

5. NWIGU waives paper service of documents in this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, NWIGU respectfully requests leave to intervene and requests all the rights of a party in this proceeding.

Dated this 15th day of July, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,



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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 and/or by mailing a copy properly addressed with first class postage prepaid.

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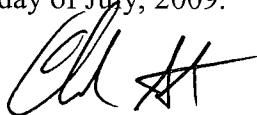
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