

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM 366

In the Matter of

AVISTA CORPORATION, dba AVISTA
UTILITIES,

Request for a General Rate Revision.

ALLIANCE OF WESTERN ENERGY
CONSUMERS' PETITION TO
INTERVENE

Pursuant to ORS 756.525 and OAR 860-001-0300(2), Alliance of Western Energy Consumers ("AWEC") hereby submits this Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned proceeding and seeks party status. In support of this Petition to Intervene, AWEC states as follows:

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

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2. AWEC is a non-profit association with a membership consisting of more than 50 end users of natural gas with major facilities in the States of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. AWEC members include diverse industrial and commercial interests, including those related to universities, food processing, pulp and paper, wood products, electric generation, aluminum, steel, chemicals, electronics, aerospace, and healthcare providers. The association provides an informational service to its members and participates in various regulatory matters that affect member interests. AWEC member companies purchase sales and transportation services from Oregon local distribution companies including Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities (“Avista”).

3. On March 15, 2019, Avista filed an Application to increase its natural gas rates for Oregon customers. Avista has requested a revenue requirement increase of \$6.677 million. Because AWEC member companies purchase sales and transportation services from Avista, AWEC has a direct and substantial interest in Avista’s application and, therefore, in this proceeding.

4. AWEC’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. Specifically, AWEC has internal and external expertise that will inform the

Commission regarding revenue requirement, rate spread, and rate design. AWEC can also help inform the Commission regarding issues raised by other parties.

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

Dated this 19th day of March 2019.

Respectfully submitted,



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