

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

**UG 519**

In the Matter of	)	
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AVISTA CORPORATION, dba AVISTA UTILITIES,	)	CUB AMENDED REQUEST FOR ISSUE FUND GRANT & AMENDED BUDGET
	)	
<u>Request for a General Rate Revision.</u>	)	

Pursuant to Section 6.7 of the Fifth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (Agreement), approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission (Commission) in Order No. 22-506, the Oregon Citizens’ Utility Board (“CUB”), submits this Amendment of Proposed Budget in docket UG 519 from the 2024 Avista Issue Fund. CUB is automatically pre-certified under Section 5.2 of the Agreement.

Avista filed this rate case on November 1, 2024. At the time it was clear that the money available in the Avista Issue Fund was not sufficient to support CUB’s and AWEC’s cases. Section 6.6 of the Intervenor Funding Agreement requires parties seeking Issue Funding to cooperate. CUB and AWEC discussed the limited funds available and agreed that each organization would submit a budget that was limited to the 2024 available funds, and that each organization could submit amended budgets in 2025 under Section 6.7.

On December 17, 2024, CUB requested a total grant of \$45,000 from the 2024 Avista Issue Fund. At the time CUB knew that this would not be sufficient for CUB’s work on the case, but it was CUB’s share of the 2024 Issue Fund money available to CUB based on our conversations with AWEC. The Commission approved CUB’s

proposed budget on December 27, 2024, in Order No. 24-465.

CUB always intended to amend its budget in 2025 when additional funding was available. On May 2, 2025, CUB submitted an amended budget that reflects total eligible expenses of \$107,000 before the 20% match and seeks a total issue fund grant of \$85,000. CUB seeks an additional \$40,000 grant from the 2025 Avista issue fund. While a stipulation has been reached, this amended budget reflects work that CUB has already incurred – primarily reflecting our work developing Opening Testimony, our review of other parties’ testimony and our participation in settlement conferences.

CUB is now proposing to amend its budget in docket UG 519. CUB estimates total eligible expenses to be \$107,000 before the 20% match and is seeking a total issue fund grant of \$85,000. CUB seeks the additional \$40,000 grant from the 2024 Avista issue fund.

Section 6.7 of the Agreement states:

*Amendment of Proposed Budget: At any time during the proceeding, an intervenor who received Commission approval for an Issue Fund Grant may file to amend its budget and request additional funding due to unforeseen changes in the scope or complexity of issues, positions taken by other parties, changes in the schedule of the case, or other good cause.*

There is good cause to support approving CUB’s proposed budget amendment. CUB’s original budget was limited to the funds that were available in 2024. Therefore, CUB is seeking to increase its approved budget to \$85,000. CUB’s amended budget accompanies this document as Attachment A.

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> of June, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Jenks". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Bob Jenks  
Executive Director  
Oregon Citizens' Utility Board