

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UG 519

In the Matter of)	
)	REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF AVISTA
AVISTA CORPORATION, dba)	ISSUE FUND GRANT OF ALLIANCE
AVISTA UTILITIES)	OF WESTERN ENERGY CONSUMERS
)	
Request for a General Rate Revision)	
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Pursuant to Section 7.3 of the Fourth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (“IFA”) approved by the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (“Commission”) in Order No. 18-017 (January 17, 2018), Alliance of Western Energy Consumers (“AWEC”) hereby requests payment of AWEC’s Issue Fund Grant in Docket No. UG 519 in the amount of \$45,000.00. In support of this request, AWEC states the following:

1. On December 18, 2024, AWEC filed a Proposed Issue Fund Budget in this docket in the amount of \$56,250.00 less in-house resources of 20 percent, for a total Issue Fund Grant request of \$45,000.00. The Commission approved the Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$45,000.00 on December 27, 2024. *In the Matter of Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities, Request for a General Rate Revision*, OPUC Docket No. UG 519, Order No. 24-464 (Dec 27, 2024).

2. This case involved Avista’s request to increase Oregon revenues by approximately \$7.8 million and involved revenue requirement, cost of capital, and rate spread and certain tax offsets. After filing testimony and participating in multiple settlement conferences, the parties were able to settle all of the issues in this docket, and the Commission issued an order approving the comprehensive settlement on May 23,

2025. AWEC hereby requests that the Commission authorize payment of the approved Issue Fund Grant in this docket in the amount of \$45,000.00. AWEC's Eligible Expenses for this proceeding through May 2025 are shown in **Confidential Attachment A**.

3. AWEC respectfully submits that this request for payment satisfies the requirement of IFA Section 7.3 as follows:

Section 7.3(a) - The itemized expenses, payees and hourly rates are attached as **Confidential Attachment A**.

Section 7.3(b) - AWEC was a full and active participant in this docket. AWEC issued and reviewed discovery, filed testimony and reviewed the testimony of other parties, participated in multiple settlement conferences, negotiated the settlement stipulation and filed joint testimony in support of the stipulation. The expenses included in **Confidential Attachment A** are Eligible Expenses as defined in IFA Section 7.4 and are reasonable and directly attributable to AWEC's participation in UG 519 on behalf of all customers.

Section 7.3(c) – The only condition of the Issue Fund Grant is that AWEC must contribute 20% of Eligible Expenses using in-house resources. As shown on **Confidential Attachment A**, AWEC used its own funds to pay for at least 20% of the Eligible Expenses as required by Section 6.5 of the IFA.

Section 7.3 (d) – This request is a request for final payment of the approved issue fund in this docket. AWEC will seek matching funds for the costs and expenses that exceeded its budget.

4. Section 7.4 – All of the expenses included in **Confidential Attachment A** are Eligible Expenses as defined in Section 7.4 of the IFA and are consistent with AWEC's proposed budget in this proceeding.

5. Upon approval of this request for payment by the Commission, Avista should send payment to AWEC as follows:

Alliance of Western Energy Consumers
818 SW Third Avenue #266
Portland, OR 97204

6. AWEC has satisfied the terms of the IFA and respectfully requests that the Commission approve payment of AWEC's Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$45,000.00 from the Avista Issue Fund within 30 days of receiving this Request for Payment as provided in Section 7.6 of the IFA.

7. At the time AWEC filed its budget, there were limited funds available in the Avista Issue Fund account, which was split between AWEC and the Oregon Citizen's Utility Board. Because AWEC's expenses exceed its budget, it will seek matched funds for the remainder of its expenses and costs.

Dated this 29th day of May 2025.

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