

**BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	DOCKETS UE-240006 and UG-240007 (<i>Consolidated</i>)
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Complainant,)	
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v.)	ALLIANCE OF WESTERN ENERGY CONSUMERS' REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF AVISTA CUSTOMER REPRESENTATION SUB-FUND GRANT
AVISTA CORPORATION d/b/a AVISTA UTILITIES,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

1 Pursuant to Article 7.1 of the Washington Extended Interim Participatory Funding Agreement (“IPFA”) approved by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (“Commission”) in Order 02 in Docket U-210595, and pursuant to Order 05 ¶ 41 in the above-referenced dockets, the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers (“AWEC”) hereby requests final payment of AWEC’s Avista Customer Representation Sub-Fund Grant in the amount of \$90,000.

2 On January 18, 2024, Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities, (“Avista” or the “Company”) filed its request for a general rate revision for its electric and natural gas service. The Commission docketed these filings as UE-240006 and UG-240007. On January 31, 2024, the Commission issued Order 01 in this proceeding, consolidating Dockets UE-240006 and UG-240007, suspending the tariffs, and setting the matters for adjudication.

3 On February 14, 2024, as required by Article 6.2 of the IPFA, AWEC filed its request for Case Certification and Notice of Intent to request a Fund Grant, which was also served on Avista and all parties of record in the proceeding. In that filing, AWEC identified the

Avista Customer Representation Sub-Fund as the account from which AWEC intended to request a Fund Grant.

4 On March 21, 2024, AWEC filed a Proposed Budget with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (“Commission”), requesting a Fund Grant of \$85,000 from the Avista Customer Representation Sub-Fund to partially offset the costs of AWEC’s participation in this proceeding. On April 3, 2024, AWEC’s request for Case Certification and its Proposed Budget were approved by the Commission in Order 06 in the full amount of \$85,000.

5 On June 18, 2024, pursuant to Article 4.2.4 of the IPFA, AWEC filed a Petition to Increase Customer Representation Sub-Fund by \$5,000 to offset the cost of procuring an Aurora license to audit Avista’s power costs. As stated in that petition, all affected parties supported AWEC’s petition to increase the Customer Representation Sub-Fund to account for the cost of the Aurora license.¹ As of the filing of this Request for Payment, the Commission has not ruled on AWEC’s petition to increase the Customer Representation Sub-Fund. Accordingly, AWEC requests that the Commission approve this petition concurrently with any decision to approve AWEC’s Request for Payment.

6 Accordingly, at this time, AWEC requests that the Commission approve its Petition to Increase the Customer Representation Sub-Fund and authorize final payment of AWEC’s approved Sub-Fund Grant in the amount of \$90,000 from the 2024 Avista Customer

¹ AWEC Petition to Increase Customer Representation Sub-Fund ¶ 5 (June 18, 2024).

Representation Sub-Fund. This Request for Payment satisfies the requirements of the IPFA as follows:

Article 7.1(a) – The itemized expenses, payees, and hourly rates – including separately identified amounts for consultant or expert witness fees and travel expenses – are attached as Confidential Exhibit A.

Article 7.1(b) – AWEC has been an active participant in this Proceeding. AWEC reviewed the filings in this Proceeding, conducted discovery, filed testimony, participated in settlement discussions, participated in the evidentiary hearing, and filed a brief. The expenses included in Confidential Exhibit A are reasonable and directly attributable to AWEC’s participation in Dockets UE-240006 and UG-240007.

Article 7.1(c) – As set forth in this Request for Payment, AWEC has provided information sufficient to demonstrate that AWEC has complied with all conditions and requirements of its approved Sub-Fund Grant.

Article 7.1(d) – This Request for Payment constitutes a Request for Final Payment for the full amount of AWEC’s approved budget in this Proceeding (assuming AWEC’s Petition to Increase the Customer Representation Sub-Fund is approved).

7 Accordingly, AWEC has satisfied the terms of the IPFA and respectfully requests that the Commission approve AWEC’s Request for Final Payment in the amount of \$90,000

from the 2024 Avista Customer Representation Sub-Fund within 30 days of receiving this Request for Final Payment, as provided in Article 7.6 of the IPFA.

Checks should be made payable to:

Alliance of Western Energy Consumers

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Dated this 17th day of January, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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