

BEFORE THE

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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| WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND   | ) | DOCKET NOS. UE-150204        |
| TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, | ) | AND UG-150205                |
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| Complainant,               | ) |                              |
|                            | ) | NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL GAS     |
| v.                         | ) | USERS' PETITION TO INTERVENE |
|                            | ) |                              |
| AVISTA CORPORATION         | ) |                              |
| d/b/a AVISTA UTILITIES     | ) |                              |
|                            | ) |                              |
| Respondent.                | ) |                              |

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1. The Northwest Industrial Gas Users ("NWIGU") hereby submit this Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned consolidated proceedings.

2. The following name and address for NWIGU should be included on the official list of parties of record in these proceedings, and all correspondence and communications concerning these proceedings should be addressed to:

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Edward Finklea is designated as the person to receive service of documents on behalf of NWIGU in this proceeding.

3. Chad Stokes and Tommy Brooks of Cable Huston LLP will represent NWIGU in these proceedings and have filed a separate Notice of Appearance as required in WAC §480-07-

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4. This Petition to Intervene is submitted pursuant to WAC § 480-07-355. As required by WAC §480-07-145(2)(d), NWIGU has provided this Petition by electronic mail. In support of this Petition to Intervene, NWIGU states the following:

5. NWIGU is a non-profit association comprised of more than forty end users of natural gas with major facilities in the States of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. NWIGU members include diverse industrial and commercial interests, including 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. NWIGU member companies purchase sales and transportation services from Washington local distribution companies (“LDCs”), including Avista Corporation (“Avista”).

6. On February 9, 2015, filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (“WUTC”) a request for a general rate increase for both electric and gas service. Avista requests an electric rate increase of \$33.2 million or 6.6 percent, and a gas rate increase of \$12.0 million or 7.0 percent.

7. Avista's request for authority to charge higher rates for its natural gas services will impact the interests of NWIGU member companies. NWIGU members have a direct and substantial interest in Avista's request for authority to increase the rates charged to natural gas customers. No other party can adequately represent NWIGU member companies' interests, and the Commission's determination in this proceeding will directly affect NWIGU member companies.

8. NWIGU reserves the right to propound data requests, review responses to data requests, submit testimony and exhibits, call witnesses, cross-examine all witnesses called by other parties and submit any written arguments and motions that may be appropriate to represent its interests in these consolidated proceedings.

9. NWIGU's participation in these proceedings will assist the Commission in resolving the issues in these consolidated proceedings and will not unreasonably broaden the issues, unduly burden the record, or delay these proceedings.

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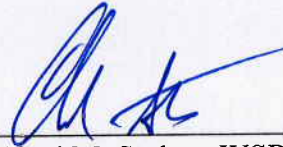
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10. WHEREFORE, based upon the foregoing, NWIGU respectfully requests leave to intervene as a party in these consolidated proceedings, with all of the procedural and substantive rights associated with full party status as described in WAC §480-07-340.

Dated: February 19, 2015

Respectfully submitted,



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