

BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of) DOCKET UG-230130
)
AVISTA CORPORATION d/b/a)
AVISTA UTILITIES,) PETITION TO INTERVENE OF
) THE ALLIANCE OF WESTERN
For an Order Authorizing the Company to) ENERGY CONSUMERS
Revise its Natural Gas Book Depreciation)
Rates and Authorizing Deferred Accounting)
Treatment for the Difference in Depreciation)
Expense.)

1 Pursuant to WAC § 480-07-355, the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers (“AWEC”) hereby petitions the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (“WUTC” or “Commission”) for leave to intervene in the above-referenced docket as an intervenor with full party status, as described in WAC § 480-07-340. The business address of AWEC is:

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2 AWEC will be represented in this proceeding by Davison Van Cleve, P.C. (“DVC”). All documents relating to this proceeding should be served on AWEC’s attorneys and independent consultant at the following addresses:

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3 AWEC does not request paper service, unless required by WUTC rules or law. If
permitted by the presiding officer, AWEC also requests that electronic service be provided to the
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4 The administrative rules at issue are WAC § 480-07-340, -355.

5 AWEC is an incorporated, non-profit association of large energy consumers in the
Pacific Northwest. AWEC represents some of Avista Corporation's ("Avista" or "Company")
largest customers.

6 On February 22, 2023, Avista filed its petition for approval of a proposed change
to the Company's natural gas book depreciation rates. The outcome of this proceeding will
substantially and directly affect those of AWEC's members who purchase power from Avista.
AWEC therefore requests leave to intervene in this docket to represent and take positions on
behalf of its members who are affected by Avista's proposed rate increases.

7 AWEC has extensive experience in proceedings before the Commission involving
Avista. AWEC participated in the Company's last two general rate cases,

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UE-220053/UG-220054 and UE-200900/UG-200901, and has been a party in many prior Company rate proceedings over the past decades, either under its own name or through its predecessor organizations the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities and Northwest Industrial Gas Users. AWEC's intervention in this proceeding will assist the Commission in resolving issues and will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or delay this proceeding.

8 As described above, AWEC has a direct and substantial interest in this proceeding that will not be adequately represented by any other party, and AWEC may be affected by any Commission determination connected with this proceeding. Thus, it is in the public interest to allow AWEC to intervene in this proceeding.

9 WHEREFORE, AWEC respectfully petitions the Commission for leave to intervene in this proceeding.

Dated this 10th day of May, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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