

**Exh. WMG-2T
Docket U-170970
Witness: Wendy Gerlitz**

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**In the Matter of the Joint Application of
Hydro One Limited and Avista
Corporation for an Order Authorizing
Proposed Transaction**

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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TESTIMONY OF

Wendy Gerlitz

**NW ENERGY COALITION, RENEWABLE NORTHWEST, AND
NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL**

Supplemental Response Testimony in Support of Settlement

October 4, 2018

1 **Q: Please state your name and the purpose of this Supplemental Response**

2 **Testimony.**

3 A: My name is Wendy Gerlitz. I am the Policy Director with the NW Energy
4 Coalition (NWECC). On April 10, 2018, I provided testimony in support of the Settlement
5 on behalf of NWECC, Renewable Northwest (RNW), and the Natural Resources Defense
6 Council (NRDC). In this Supplemental Testimony, I am reiterating our support for the
7 Settlement, with the understanding that the “Updated Terms” filed by the Commission
8 Staff as Exh. CRM-2 to the Testimony of Chris McGuire will be adopted by the
9 Commission.

10 **Q: Are you satisfied with the commitment of the new leadership of Hydro One**
11 **to the proposed transaction?**

12 A: In his Supplemental Testimony, Mr. Paul M. Dobson, the Acting CEO of Hydro
13 One described Hydro One’s commitment (Exh. PMD 1-T, at 3):

14 **Q. Does Hydro One remain committed to this merger?**

15 A. Yes. We remain committed to the merger and the strategic rationale for the merger
16 remains.

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18 Our preference would be that the endorsement of the Settlement be more formal, perhaps
19 by a resolution of the new Board. It is important that the new ownership be committed to
20 the transaction and the commitments that the parties have agreed to regarding renewable
21 energy, energy efficiency, and support for low-income customers. These commitments
22 are designed to further the strong statutory and regulatory policies of the State of
23 Washington, and we would like it to be clear that the new ownership is committed to
24 those policies.

25 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

26 A. Yes.