

**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**

**DOCKET U-170970**

**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TESTIMONY (AMENDED) OF**

**Wendy Gerlitz**

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

***Supplemental Response Testimony (Amended) 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 We also understand that the Hydro One Board has passed a resolution affirming the  
19 Settlement. It is important that the new ownership be committed to the transaction and  
20 the commitments that the parties have agreed to regarding renewable energy, energy  
21 efficiency, and support for low-income customers. These commitments are designed to  
22 further the strong statutory and regulatory policies of the State of Washington. We hope  
23 that these commitments, and the policies they support, will be reaffirmed at the hearing  
24 on October 23.

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

26 A. Yes.