BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Joint Application of HYDRO ONE LIMITED (acting through its indirect subsidiary, Olympus Equity) LLC) and AVISTA CORPORATION For an Order Authorizing Proposed Transaction

DOCKET NO. U-170970

FIFTH SUPPLEMENTAL COMMENTS OF AVISTA AND HYDRO ONE AS JOINT APPLICANTS IN **REFERENCE TO MANAGEMENT** CHANGES AT HYDRO ONE

- On July 12, 2018, Judge Dennis Moss directed Joint Applicants to file comments concerning 1 changes in Hydro One Limited's ("Hydro One") executive management and board of directors, and to make any recommendations with respect to what additional process should be required. As promised in our July 18, 2018 Comments of Avista and Hydro One as Joint Applicants in Reference to Management Changes at Hydro One regarding the recent developments involving Hydro One's President and Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and board of directors, this supplement provides a further update on events related to changes to Hydro One's management and the Proposed Transaction.
- Exhibits A and B: On the evening of Friday, November 30th, the Toronto Globe & Mail 2 newspaper published an article (Exhibit A) related to Hydro One's CEO selection process. We have enclosed this article in the spirit of ensuring that the Washington Utilities and

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Transportation Commission ("WUTC") is apprised of any media activity related to our merger application. The article is based on anonymous sources who have clearly provided inaccurate information to the media. We have elected not to comment. The selection of the CEO is a highly confidential matter and our board of directors is in the final stages of our CEO appointment process and does not wish to engage in a public discussion before a candidate is selected. Our submissions and testimony continue to reflect the fact that our board is independent and has not had any interference from the government since taking office in August of this year, and we stand by our testimony. We are also including another newspaper article posted on Monday, December 3, by the National Post (Exhibit B). We will continue to notify the WUTC of further media developments and would be pleased to address any further questions.

- <u>Exhibit C</u>: Through our proceedings at the Oregon Public Utility Commission, the Oregon Citizens' Utility Board has requested an affidavit from the Province of Ontario ("Province"), attesting that the Province will not exercise substantial influence over the polices and actions of Avista Corporation ("Avista") if Avista is acquired by Hydro One. Hydro One requested an affidavit from the Province. The Province responded with a letter. The letter is attached as Exhibit C.
- <u>4</u> <u>Exhibit D</u>: Through our proceedings at the Idaho Public Utilities Commission ("IPUC"), IPUC Staff requested that Hydro One form the LLC that will be the immediate parent of Avista, Olympus Equity LLC, in Idaho instead of Delaware. IPUC Staff advises this is necessary to ensure compliance with Idaho Code § 61-327. Hydro One agreed to make this change in the

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post-closing corporate structure. Exhibit D is a revised chart for the post-closing corporate structure that shows Olympus Equity LLC as an Idaho LLC.

Respectfully submitted this 4th day of December, 2018.

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