

**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

PUBLIC COUNSEL'S RESPONSE TO
PETITION FOR REHEARING

1 Avista Corporation and Hydro One Limited filed a Petition for Reconsideration and Rehearing on December 17, 2018, to ensure that the Companies have exhausted all administrative remedies.¹ Pursuant to WAC 480-07-870, Public Counsel responds to the Petition for Rehearing. Because WAC 480-07-850 prohibits responses unless requested by the Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC), Public Counsel does not address the Petition for Reconsideration. Public Counsel was a signatory and supported the all-party, full settlement of issues during this proceeding. Public Counsel takes no position on the Petition for Rehearing.

2 Under the Settlement Stipulation signed by all parties in this matter, Public Counsel was bound to support the Settlement throughout the proceeding,² and Public Counsel did this through written and oral testimony from Professor J. Randall Woolridge and Mr. Corey J. Dahl. In the event the UTC rejects the Settlement, as it did in Order 07, the provisions of WAC 480-07-750(2) applies to the parties.³ Under WAC 480-07-750(2), the adjudication returns to the status at the time the procedural schedule was suspended to consider the settlement. As a result, Public Counsel interprets this provision to mean that parties are not compelled to support post-order motions.

3 Public Counsel neither supports nor opposes the Petition for Rehearing. Public Counsel

1 Petition for Reconsideration and Rehearing, ¶ 2.

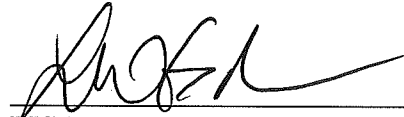
2 Settlement Stipulation, ¶ 16.

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will participate in whatever process the UTC orders (if any), but we take no position on the pending Petition.

Dated this 7th day of January 2019.

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