

May 17, 2019

Mr. Mark L. Johnson  
Executive Director & Secretary  
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission  
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. S.W.  
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Re: WUTC v. Avista Corp. d/b/a Avista Utilities  
Docket UE-190334/UG-190335

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Attached is the Petition to Intervene presented for the Northwest Citizens Power Coalition for the above referenced dockets.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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I hereby certify that I have this day (May 17, 2019) served the attached Petition to Intervene upon the parties listed below via electronic mail.

Sincerely,



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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael R. Bell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

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BEFORE THE  
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION	)	DOCKETS UE-190334 and UG-190335 (Consolidated)
	)	
Complaint,	)	
	)	
v.	)	PETITION TO INTERVENE OF NORTHWEST CITIZENS POWER COALITION
	)	
AVISTA CORPORATION d/b/a AVISTA UTILITIES	)	
	)	
Respondent	)	

Pursuit to WAC # 480-07-355, Northwest Citizens Power Coalition (“NWCPC”) hereby petitions the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (“WUTC”) for leave to intervene in the above-referenced docket as an intervenor with full party status, as described in WAS # 480-07-340. The business address of NWCPC is:

Northwest Citizens Power Coalition  
202 East Shore Road  
Nine Mile Falls, WA 99026

NWCPC will be represented in this proceeding by Michael R. Bell, Treasurer of NWCPC. All documents related to this proceeding should be services to NWCPC address identified above.

NWCPC does not request paper service, unless required by WUTC rules or law.

NWCPC is an incorporated, non-profit association of rate payers (consumers) in the Pacific Northwest. We currently have 61 members with more being added each month.

On April 30, 2019, Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities (“Avista”) filed for its proposed electric and gas rate increases. The proposed rate changes would substantially and directly affect those NWCPC members who are customers of Avista and purchase electricity and gas from Avista. NWCPC therefore requests leave to intervene in this docket to represent and take positions on behalf of its members who are affected by the proposed Avista rate increases.

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NWCPC was formed as a result of the recent request by Avista and Hydro One Ltd. for permission to transfer ownership through a sale or merger. We appreciate the WUTC's thorough investigation into that request and the subsequent denial of that request. We are also disappointed with those organizations granted petitions to intervene for the purpose of safeguarding the Avista customers and broader public interests who supported the transfer of ownership. In the WUTC's final report, it was mentioned that "Having found that the proposed transaction does not make customers better off than they could be without it we conclude as a matter of law that the proposed transaction does not provide a net benefit to customers". We believe those organizations granted intervenor status should have done a far better job of safeguarding the Avista consumers and broader public interest. As a result, we have taken it upon ourselves to ensure the safeguarding the Avista customers and broader public interests.

As described above, NWCPC has a direct and substantial interest in the proceedings that will not be adequately represented by any other party. The members of the NWCPC will be affected by any decision that the WUTC makes in this proceeding. Thus, it is in the public interest to allow NWCPC to intervene in this proceeding.

Wherefore, NWCPC respectfully petitions the WUTC for leave to intervene in this proceeding.

Dated May 17, 2019

Respectfully,



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