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January 10, 2018

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO LATE-FILED
PETITION TO INTERVENE
(Responses due by Thursday, January 18, 2018)**

Re: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities*
Docket U-170970

TO ALL PARTIES:

On January 9, 2018, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) received a late-filed petition to intervene on behalf of Lauren Fink and Chadwick Weston (Petitioning Stockholders) in the above-referenced docket. The Petitioning Stockholders state that as public stockholders of Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities (Avista) they have an actual interest in this proceeding and at present that interest is unrepresented by any party. The Petitioning Stockholders have pending class action complaints against Avista's Board of Directors, Hydro One, and Avista's financial advisor Bank of America Merrill Lynch in connection with Hydro One's proposed acquisition of Avista.

The Petitioning Stockholders explain that they did not file the Petition before the pre-hearing conference because (i) they were focused on protecting Avista public stockholders' in the Superior Court for the State of Washington; and (ii) they required additional time to assess whether intervention in this proceeding was beneficial for Avista public stockholders. The Petitioning Stockholders state that they have no intention of unreasonably broadening the issues, burdening the record, or delaying the proceeding through their intervention, nor would their intervention be cause to adjust the current procedural schedule.

Pursuant to WAC 480-07-355(2), the Commission may establish a time for responses to petitions to intervene. If any party wishes to respond to the late-filed petition to intervene filed by the Petitioning Stockholders, they should do so by **January 18, 2018 at 5 p.m.**

Sincerely,

DENNIS J. MOSS
Senior Review Judge