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Steven V. King Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW P. O. Box 47250 Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

Re: In the Matter of the Joint Application of Hydro One Limited and Avista Corporation for an Order Authorizing Proposed Transaction Hydro One Avista Merger, Docket U-170970

Dear Mr. King:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket is the original and five copies of Public Counsel's Response Opposing Shareholder Petition to Intervene, and a certificate of service.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this filing.

Sincerely,

LISA W. GAFKEN Assistant Attorney General Public Counsel Unit Chief (206) 464-6595

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