

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

COMMISSION STAFF'S
MOTION TO AMEND
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

I. INTRODUCTION

1 The Staff of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) requests that the Commission extend the deadlines scheduled prior to the hearing date in this proceeding. All of the parties to this proceeding support this motion.

II. MOTION

2 Pursuant to the Commission's procedural rules, the Commission will grant a continuance if the requesting party demonstrates good cause for the continuance and the continuance will not prejudice any party or the Commission. WAC 480-07-385(2)(a). The parties are actively engaged in settlement negotiations, and the availability of additional time for discussion would support the dispute resolution process. Because all of the parties support this request and because it does not seek to change the hearing date or otherwise shorten the amount of time for the Commission's post-hearing review of the evidence, there is no prejudice to any party or to the Commission.

3 The table below sets forth the new deadlines proposed by this motion (right-hand column), next to the existing deadlines (middle column). Please note that the proposed modifications to the procedural schedule include an agreement among the parties to provide all outstanding discovery responses on or before May 16, 2018.

Event	Existing Date	Proposed Date
Staff, Public Counsel, and Intervenor Response Testimony and Exhibits	3/15/2018	3/27/18
Public Comment Hearing(s)	4/23/18 – Spokane 4/24/18 – Colville 5/2/18 – Othello 5/3/18 – Colfax	No change
Joint Applicants Rebuttal Testimony and Exhibits; Staff, Public Counsel, and Intervenor Cross-Answering Testimony and Exhibits	4/25/2018	5/2/18
Discovery Deadline – Last Day to Issue Data Requests <i>*All outstanding discovery responses due on May 16</i>	5/2/2018	5/9/18
Cross-Examination Exhibits, Witness Lists, and Time Estimates	5/16/2018	5/18/18
Evidentiary Hearing	5/22-23/2018	No change

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Commission Staff respectfully requests that the Commission amend the procedural schedule to reflect the modifications in the table above.

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Respectfully submitted,

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