

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Joint Application of
HYDRO ONE LIMITED (acting through
its indirect subsidiary, Olympus Equity
LLC)

DOCKET U-170970

And

ORDER 05

AVISTA CORPORATION
For an Order Authorizing Proposed
Transaction

REVISING PROCEDURAL
SCHEDULE

MEMORANDUM

- 1 On September 14, 2017, Hydro One Limited (Hydro One), acting through Olympus Equity LLC an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary, and Avista Corporation (Avista) filed their Joint Application for an Order Authorizing Proposed Transaction whereby Olympus Equity LLC would acquire all of the outstanding common stock of Avista, and Avista would become a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of Olympus Equity LLC and an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Hydro One.
- 2 The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) convened a first prehearing conference on October 20, 2017, and entered Order 02 - Prehearing Conference Order and Notice of Hearing, on October 25, 2017. Order 02 established a procedural schedule for this proceeding, including dates for prefiled testimony, discovery, and hearing.
- 3 On March 12, 2018, the Commission's regulatory staff (Staff), acting in its capacity as an independent party to this proceeding, filed a motion to amend the procedural schedule. Staff's motion requests that the Commission extend the deadlines for Response and Rebuttal testimonies, the discovery schedule, and the date for submitting Cross-Examination Exhibits, Witness Lists, and Time Estimates. Staff's motion states that all the parties to this proceeding support this motion. Staff states the reason for its request is that the parties are actively engaged in settlement negotiations and the availability of additional time for discussion would support the dispute resolution process.
- 4 The Commission's procedural rules provide that it 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.¹ Because all parties support Staff’s motion 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.

5 The Commission determines under the circumstances that it should grant Staff’s motion and adjust the procedural schedule for this proceeding as indicated in the table below.

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 5/16/2018</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

¹ WAC 480-07-385(2)(a).

ORDER

6 THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT Staff's Motion To Amend Procedural Schedule is GRANTED.

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective March 12, 2018.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DENNIS J. MOSS
Senior Review Judge