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16 **I. MAYO M. SCHMIDT (HYDRO ONE)**

17 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

18 A. My name is Mayo S. Schmidt, and my business address is 483 Bay Street,
19 South Tower, 8th Floor, Toronto, Ontario M5G 2P5.

20 **Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?**

21 A. I am the President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), as well as a Director,
22 of both Hydro One Limited (“Hydro One”) and Hydro One Inc. Hydro One is a major North
23 American electric transmission and distribution utility, serving more than 1.3 million
24 residential and business customers in Ontario, Canada.

25 **Q. Please summarize your education and business experience.**

1 A. I received a B.B.A. from Washburn University, and an honorary Doctorate
2 of Commerce from Washburn University. I also have followed advanced study courses at
3 U.C.L.A., the University of Nebraska, and Harvard University.

4 Prior to joining Hydro One, I was President and CEO of Viterra, Inc. Under my
5 leadership, we grew Viterra to a \$7.5 billion global business corporation with operations in
6 the United States, Canada and worldwide in less than 10 years.

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8 **II. CHRISTOPHER F. LOPEZ (HYDRO ONE)**

9 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

10 A. My name is Christopher F. Lopez, and my business address is 483 Bay Street,
11 South Tower, 8th Floor, Toronto, Ontario M5G 2P5.

12 **Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?**

13 A. I am Senior Vice President of Finance for Hydro One Limited (“Hydro
14 One”). Hydro One is a major North American electric transmission and distribution utility,
15 serving more than 1.3 million residential and business customers in Ontario, Canada.

16 **Q. Please summarize your education and business experience.**

17 A. I received a Bachelor of Commerce in accounting and finance from Edith
18 Cowan University in 1996. I qualified from the Institute of Chartered Accountants in
19 Australia in 1999. I received a graduate diploma in corporate governance and directorships
20 from the Australian Institute of Company Directors in 2007.

21 Prior to joining Hydro One, I was the Vice President of Planning and Mergers &
22 Acquisitions at TransAlta from 2011 to 2015. Prior to that, I was Director of Operations

1 Finance at TransAlta in Calgary from 2007 to 2011, and was Country Financial Controller
2 for TransAlta in Australia, from 2002 to 2007.

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4 **III. SCOTT L. MORRIS (AVISTA)**

5 **Q. Will you please state your name, business address, and position with**
6 **Avista Corporation?**

7 A. My name is Scott L. Morris and I am employed as the Chairman of the Board,
8 President and Chief Executive Officer of Avista Corporation (“Avista”), at 1411 East
9 Mission Avenue, Spokane, Washington.

10 **Q. Please describe your education and business experience.**

11 A. I am a graduate of Gonzaga University with a Bachelors degree and a Masters
12 degree in organizational leadership. I have also attended the Kidder Peabody School of
13 Financial Management.

14 I joined the Company in 1981 and have served in a number of roles including
15 customer service manager. In 1991, I was appointed general manager for Avista Utilities’
16 Oregon and California natural gas utility business. I was appointed President and General
17 Manager of Avista Utilities, an operating division of Avista Corporation, in August 2000.
18 In February 2003, I was appointed Senior Vice-President of Avista Corporation, and in May
19 2006, I was appointed President and Chief Operating Officer. Effective January 1, 2008, I
20 assumed the position of Chairman of the Board, President, and Chief Executive Officer.

21 I am a member of the Edison Electric Institute board of directors, a member
22 of the American Gas Association board of directors, a member of the Washington
23 Roundtable, and I also serve on the board of trustees of Greater Spokane Incorporated. I am

1 on the board of directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, Seattle Branch, and
2 the Gonzaga University board of trustees. I currently serve as Chair for both organizations.

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4 **IV. ELISABETH M. ANDREWS (AVISTA)**

5 **Q. Will you please state your name, business address, and position with**
6 **Avista Corporation?**

7 A. My name is Elizabeth M. Andrews. I am employed by Avista Corporation as
8 Senior Manager of Revenue Requirements in the Regulatory Affairs Department. My
9 business address is 1411 East Mission Avenue, Spokane, Washington.

10 **Q. Would you please describe your education and business experience?**

11 A. I am a 1990 graduate of Eastern Washington University with a Bachelor of
12 Arts Degree in Business Administration, majoring in Accounting. That same year, I passed
13 the November Certified Public Accountant exam, earning my CPA License in August 1991¹.
14 I worked for Lemaster & Daniels, CPAs from 1990 to 1993, before joining the Company in
15 August 1993. I served in various positions within the sections of the Finance Department,
16 including General Ledger Accountant and Systems Support Analyst until 2000. In 2000, I
17 was hired into the State and Federal Regulations Department as a Regulatory Analyst until
18 my promotion to Manager of Revenue Requirements in early 2007, and later promoted to
19 Senior Manager of Revenue Requirements.

¹ Currently I keep a CPA-Inactive status with regards to my CPA license.

1 V. **CHRISTOPHER S. HANCOCK (STAFF)**

2 **Q. Will you please state your name, business address, and position with**
3 **Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission)?**

4 A. My name is Christopher Scott Hancock. I am employed by the Washington
5 Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) as a Regulatory Analyst in the
6 Energy Regulation Section of the Regulatory Services Division. I have been employed by
7 the Commission since January 2015. My business address is The Richard Hemstad Building,
8 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, WA 98504.

9 **Q. Please describe your education and professional experience.**

10 A. Regarding my educational and professional background, I graduated from
11 New Mexico State University in 2013 with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in
12 Economics. In 2014, I graduated from New Mexico State University with a Master of Arts
13 degree in Economics, specializing in Public Utility Policy & Regulation. Prior to my
14 employment with the Commission, I interned at Southern California Edison's regulatory
15 affairs department, and served six years in the United States Air Force before being
16 honorably discharged.

17 I have testified before the Commission in multiple proceedings. In Avista's pending
18 general rate case in Dockets UE-170485 and UG-170486, I presented Staff's policy
19 testimony on issues including end-of-period accounting for the test year, regulatory lag, and
20 multi-year rate plans. Last year, I testified as Staff's witness on funding mechanisms for the
21 decommissioning and remediation of Colstrip Units 1 and 2, and on payment processing cost
22 adjustments, in Dockets UE-170033 and UG-170034. I have also been Staff's attrition study
23 witness in Dockets UE-160228 and UG-160229. I also have testified on traditional modified

1 historical test years and pro forma capital additions in Dockets UE-150204 and UG-150205,
2 and served as Staff's witness on cost of service, rate spread, rate design, and decoupling in
3 Docket UG-152286, a settled general rate case for Cascade Natural Gas.

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5 **VI. COREY J. DAHL (PUBLIC COUNSEL)**

6 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

7 A. My name is Corey J. Dahl, and my business address is 800 5th Avenue,
8 Seattle, WA 98104.

9 **Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?**

10 A. I am a Regulatory Analyst for the Public Counsel Unit of the Washington
11 State Office of the Attorney General (Public Counsel). Public Counsel is a statutory party
12 to proceedings before the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
13 (Commission) under RCW 80.01.100, RCW 80.04.510, and RCW 81.04.500.

14 **Q. On whose behalf are you testifying?**

15 A. I am testifying on behalf of Public Counsel.

16 **Q. Please describe your professional qualifications.**

17 A. I earned a B.A. in Economics and a B.A. in English from the University of
18 St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota in 2011. In 2016, I completed the course requirements
19 and earned a Master of Public Administration degree from the Daniel J. Evans School of
20 Public Policy and Governance at the University of Washington in Seattle. While completing
21 my graduate studies, I worked on low-income and housing policy for a non-profit advocacy
22 organization and worked as a legislative assistant for the Seattle City Council.

1 My current employment with Public Counsel began in October 2016. Since joining
2 the Attorney General’s Office, I have worked on a variety of energy and telecommunications
3 matters, including Cascade’s 2017 General Rate Case (UG-170929), Puget Sound Energy’s
4 2017 General Rate Case (Dockets UE-170033 and UG-170034), Avista’s 2017 General Rate
5 Case (Dockets UE-170485 and UG-170486), the Puget Sound Energy Greenwood Explosion
6 Complaint (PG-160924), Pacific Power’s Schedule 300 Tariff Revision case (UE-161204),
7 and the CenturyLink-Level3 Merger (UT-170042). I testified on behalf of Public Counsel
8 in support of the settlement regarding the merger of CenturyLink and Level3
9 Communications (Docket UT-170042) in May 2017, and on low-income issues in the
10 ongoing Cascade General Rate Case (UG-170929).

11 Beyond adjudications, I have worked on low-income rate assistance, energy
12 conservation, and integrated resource plan issues for multiple Washington utilities. In
13 particular, I participate in conservation advisory groups for Pacific Power, Northwest
14 Natural Gas, and Cascade Natural Gas, as well as the Northwest Natural Gas IRP Technical
15 Working Group. I also participate in low-income advisory groups for Cascade Natural Gas,
16 Puget Sound Energy, and Avista. Additionally, I completed Michigan State University and
17 the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners’ Utility Rate School in May
18 2017.

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20 **VII. J. RANDALL WOOLRIDGE (PUBLIC COUNSEL)**

21 **Q. Please State Your Full Name, Address, And Occupation.**

22 A. My name is J. Randall Woolridge, and my business address is 120 Haymaker
23 Circle, State College, PA 16801. I am a Professor of Finance and the Goldman, Sachs &

1 Co. and Frank P. Smeal Endowed University Fellow in Business Administration at the
2 University Park Campus of the Pennsylvania State University. I am also the Director of the
3 Smeal College Trading Room and President of the Nittany Lion Fund, LLC. A summary of
4 my educational background, research, and related business experience is provided in Exhibit
5 JRW-2.

6 **Q. On Whose Behalf Are You Testifying?**

7 A. The Public Counsel Unit of the Washington Office of Attorney General
8 (“Public Counsel”) has asked me to provide an opinion regarding the Settlement Stipulation
9 and Agreement (“Settlement”) filed in this docket on March 27, 2018. Public Counsel initially
10 asked me to evaluate the Application for Merger filed by Avista Corporation (“Avista”) and
11 Hydro One Limited (“Hydro One”) (collectively “Joint Applicants”).

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13 **VIII. MARC M. HELLMAN (AWEC)**

14 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

15 A. Marc Hellman. My business address is 2760 Eagle Eye Ave. NW, Salem,
16 Oregon.

17 **Q. Please state your occupation and on whose behalf you are testifying.**

18 A. I am an economist by training with significant experience in energy utility
19 regulation. I am testifying on behalf of the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers. The
20 Alliance of Western Energy Consumers (AWEC) is a new organization, effective April 1,
21 2018, created by the joining of the Industrial Consumers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU) and
22 the Northwest Industrial Gas Users (NWIGU). Both ICNU and NWIGU were original
23 parties to this docket.

1 **Q. Please summarize your education and work experience.**

2 A. I have a Masters and PhD in Economics awarded by Claremont Graduate
3 School and a Bachelor's degree in both Economics and Mathematics awarded by California
4 State Polytechnic University, Pomona.

5 With regards to my work experience, I was employed for 38 years in various
6 capacities by the Public Utility Commission of Oregon with the last twenty years or so in a
7 management capacity leading economists, accountants and financial analysts in the review
8 of utility general rate filings and rate proposals, financing and affiliated interest applications,
9 property sales, and merger and acquisitions. I have also provided consulting services with
10 my most recent projects for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation with headquarters in
11 Saipan, the Smart Energy Alliance in Nevada Power Company's most recent general rate
12 case before the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada, and the South Dakota Intrastate
13 Pipeline Company.

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15 **IX. SHAWN M. COLLINS (ENERGY PROJECT)**

16 **Q. Please state your name, business address and position.**

17 A. My name is Shawn Collins. My business address is 3406 Redwood Avenue,
18 Bellingham, WA 98225. I am the Director of The Energy Project (TEP), a program working
19 in association with the Washington State Community Action Partnership and housed at the
20 Opportunity Council in Bellingham, Washington.

21 **Q. Please summarize your professional and educational qualifications.**

22 A. I have been the Director of TEP since 2015. I have been employed by The
23 Opportunity Council since 2006 in a number of positions, including Associate Director of

1 the Home Improvement Department and Manager of the Community Energy Challenge.
2 Since 2015, I have testified on behalf of TEP in general rate cases and other major dockets
3 involving Avista, Puget Sound Energy, Pacific Power & Light and Cascade Natural Gas. I
4 am a member of the Bonneville Power Administration Low-Income Energy Efficiency
5 Workgroup, the WA State LIHEAP Advisory Committee, and the WA State Low-income
6 Weatherization Advisory Committee. I hold a B.A. from Eastern Illinois University.

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8 **X. WENDY M. GERLITZ (NVEC, RNW, NRDC)**

9 **Q. Please state your name, position, and address.**

10 A. My name is Wendy Gerlitz. I am the Policy Director with the NW Energy
11 Coalition. The Coalition's business address is 811 1st Ave, Suite 305, Seattle, WA 98104.

12 **Q. Please describe your relevant background and professional experience.**

13 A. I am a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and have a Masters
14 of Environmental Management from Yale University. I joined the staff of the NW Energy
15 Coalition in 2011. In my time with the NW Energy Coalition, I have provided testimony on
16 a variety of electric and natural gas utility issues at the Oregon Public Utility Commission
17 as well as in Bonneville Power Administration rate case proceedings. I testified before the
18 Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission on behalf of the NW Energy Coalition
19 in Docket No. UE 161123 (Puget Sound Energy/Microsoft special contract) and on behalf
20 of the NW Energy Coalition, Renewable Northwest, and Natural Resources Defense
21 Council in UE-170033/UG-170034 (Puget Sound Energy general rate case). I also have
22 authored and contributed to comments submitted to the Washington Utilities and
23 Transportation Commission in many proceedings regarding renewable energy, utility

1 integrated resource plans, conservation, low-income programs, and rate design. I am a
2 member of the Energy Trust of Oregon Conservation Advisory Committee and the
3 Conservation Resource Advisory Committee for the NW Power and Conservation Council.

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5 **XI. DOUG H. HOWELL (SIERRA CLUB)**

6 **Q. Please state your name, position, and address.**

7 A. Doug H. Howell is a Senior Campaign Representative for the Sierra Club's
8 Beyond Coal Campaign. My business address is 180 Nickerson Street, Suite 202, Seattle,
9 Washington. Sierra Club is a national, non-profit environmental and conservation
10 organization incorporated under the laws of the State of California. Sierra Club is dedicated
11 to the protection of public health and the environment. Sierra Club has more than 33,000
12 members who live and purchase utility services in Washington, many of whom are
13 residential customers of Avista.

14 **Q. Please describe your relevant background and professional experience.**

15 A. Sierra Club's Beyond Coal campaign advances the development of energy
16 conservation and renewable energy policies, which reduce utility bills, and generate
17 renewable energy. Sierra Club's work includes advocating for the implementation of robust
18 incentive programs that assist its members and utility consumers to generate their own
19 renewable energy and increase energy efficiency. The Sierra Club's work includes
20 intervening in efficiency, renewable energy and ratemaking dockets at public utility
21 commissions nationwide, submitting comments in numerous state and federal agency
22 energy-related proceedings and rulemakings, attending and speaking at public hearings,
23 speaking to students and civic and other organizations, and holding seminars and symposia

1 - all in support of policies to reduce the impact of climate change and other air pollution by
2 promoting clean energy alternatives and energy efficiency. Sierra Club has worked to
3 protect local customers from increased rates due to utility investment in aging coal plants,
4 such as Colstrip, when clean energy alternatives and energy efficiency measures are
5 possible.

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XII. DAVID HAWKINS (WNIDCL)

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Q. State your name, affiliation, and address.

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A. David Hawkins, Washington and Northern Idaho District Council of

10 Laborers (“WNIDCL”), 2423 S. Sonora Drive, Spokane Valley, WA 99037.

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Q. Please summarize your relevant background and professional expertise.

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A. I am the Assistant business manager for WNIDCL, a role I have held since

13 January 2018. My job responsibilities involve assisting the locals that comprise the District

14 Council, primarily those based in Eastern Washington—Locals 348 and 238. The assistance

15 I provide includes negotiating agreements between WNIDCL and construction contractors,

16 and advising on topics such as collective bargaining, processing grievances, and work

17 jurisdictional issues.

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I am also the chairman of the Washington and Northern Idaho Pension Trust, and a

19 trustee representing labor on the Northwest Labor and Employment Training Trust

20 (“Training Trust” or “NWLETT”).

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Immediately prior to January 2018, I served for eight years as the Business Manager

22 and Financial Secretary for Laborers Local 238. My job responsibilities in that position

23 included ensuring that the Local’s members were working under fair and safe working

1 conditions. I performed duties such as adjusting grievances, interacting with contractors,
2 engaging in new organizing campaigns, and visiting job sites to check on safety and working
3 conditions. Prior to 2010, I was a field representative for Local 238 for four years, beginning
4 in approximately 2006.

5 Before that, I was a Laborer and a member of Local 238. I performed work on natural
6 gas pipelines, including installing mainline pipelines. Most of my work as a Laborer was
7 for Garco Construction on their concrete crew as a general Laborer. I held this position for
8 approximately 13 years. I also worked on various other construction projects, including
9 helping to build schools, memorials, and other structures.

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11 **XIII. GLEN FREIBERG (WNIDCL)**

12 **Q. State your name, affiliation, and address.**

13 A. Glen Freiberg, Northwest Laborers-Employers Training Trust (“NWLETT”),
14 27055 Ohio Ave NE, Kingston, WA 98346.

15 **Q. Please summarize your relevant background and professional expertise.**

16 A. I am the assistant training director of NWLETT. In this role, I am responsible
17 for the day to day operations of NWLETT, including scheduling classes, maintenance of the
18 facilities, ordering supplies, approving videos and curriculum for our instructors, supervising
19 and monitoring the instructors, setting up “train the trainers” training, hiring instructors,
20 interfacing with the students, administering the Joint Apprenticeship Training Council,
21 overseeing the apprenticeship program and the apprenticeship coordinators, assisting with
22 NWLETT’s budget, and performing human resources functions for NWLETT’s 40
23 employees, etc.

1 I have also served as a NWLETT instructor and taught several classes, such
2 excavating, trenching and shoring, pressure pipe classes and fusion welding, plan reading. I
3 am also a flagging instructor, and one of only approximately 10 instructors certified in
4 Washington to teach traffic control supervisor (“TCS”) class. Prior to working at NWLETT,
5 I was a foreman with Granite Construction. Prior to that, I had approximately eight years of
6 general construction and heavy highway construction for Tri-State.