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May 2, 2018

NOTICE OF BENCH REQUEST
(Due by Tuesday, May 8, at 3:00 p.m.)

RE: *In the Matter of the Joint Application of Hyrdro One Limited and Avista Corporation for an Order Authorizing Proposed Transaction, Docket U-170970*

BENCH REQUEST NO. 1:

To Avista Corporation (Avista) and Hydro One Limited, and all other Parties who wish to respond:

On March 27, 2018, all Parties¹ in this case filed a Settlement Stipulation and Agreement (Settlement) with the Commission that, if approved, would resolve all issues in these proceedings. The Settlement, among other things, proposes to set depreciation rates for Colstrip Units 3 and 4 based on a remaining life through December 31, 2027, with a portion of the remaining \$114.2 million plant balance being recovered through temporary tax credits resulting from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA).² The impacts of the TCJA were also implicated in Avista's recently decided general rate case (Avista 2017 GRC).³

The Commission requests that the Parties identify specifically, and explain, how Commission determinations in Order 07 may affect the proposed Settlement Stipulation in this proceeding. Please explain, in addition, how the Settling Parties propose to resolve any conflicts between Order 07 and the proposed Settlement Stipulation.


DENNIS J. MOSS

Administrative Law Judge

cc: All Parties

¹ The settling parties include: Hydro One, Avista, Commission Staff, Public Counsel, AWEC, The Energy Project, NWECC/RNW/NRDC, Sierra Club, and WNIDCL.

² Attachment A to Appendix of Settlement Stipulation at 1.

³ *WUTC v. Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities, et al.*, Dockets UE-170485 and UG-170486 (consolidated), Order 07 (Apr. 26, 2018).