

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

AVISTA CORPORATION d/b/a  
AVISTA UTILITIES,

Respondent.

DOCKET U-170970

OFFER OF PUBLIC COMMENT  
EXHIBIT BR-3

1. Public Counsel hereby offers this Public Comment Exhibit BR-3 for admission into the record of the proceeding.
2. Public Comment Exhibit BR-3. The exhibit consists of letters, e-mails, a petition,<sup>1</sup> and other written materials submitted by the public to provide comment on the Avista Corporation and Hydro One merger request. These comments were submitted to the Commission and to the office of Public Counsel. Because of the large number of comments and attachments, they are submitted in electronic form on the attached compact disk (CD).
3. All e-mail, written, and internet comments received by the Commission were input into a database by Commission Consumer Protection and Communications Staff. Output from this database has been included in a .pdf file titled "170970-UTC-0-Cmt Matrix.pdf." Comments received via mail and some of those received via e-mail by the Commission were scanned or directly converted into .pdf files as attachments to the Comment Matrix. Any attachments to these e-mail comments were also converted to .pdf and are grouped into zipped files.

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<sup>1</sup> See "170970-UTC-Rebecca MacMullan Petition 5-02-2018.pdf".

4. Public Counsel received two (2) comments via e-mail, however because the Commission has already received comments by these same individuals, these comments are not tallied into the totals described in paragraph 6, below. For completeness, we have included copies of these two comments as attachments.<sup>2</sup>

5. The submitted material has been counted as follows:

a. Comments received by WUTC

Opposing the merger	201
Supporting the merger	13
Undecided comments	69

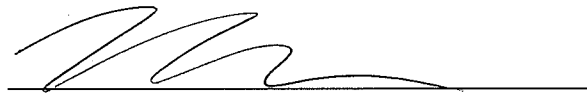
b. Comments received by Public Counsel

Opposing the merger	2 duplicate comments
Supporting the merger	0
Undecided Comments	0

6. Public Counsel submits a total of two-hundred eighty-three (283) public comments in the exhibit. Of these, 201 oppose the merger request and 13 support the request. Sixty-nine (69) neither oppose nor support Avista and Hydro One's request.

DATED this 1st day of June 2018.

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<sup>2</sup> See "170970-PC-Brockett-Cmts.pdf" and "170970-PC-Herzog-Cmts.pdf".