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RE: Joint Application of Hydro One and Avista Corporation for Order Authorizing Proposed Transaction

On July 19, 2017, Avista Corporation announced that it had entered into a Merger Agreement with Hydro One. The Joint Application of Avista Corporation and Hydro One (acting through its indirect subsidiary, Olympus Equity LLC) for an Order Authorizing the Proposed Transaction (the “Joint Application”) has been provided electronically for filing. In support of the Joint Application, the applicants also included the electronic copies of pre-filed direct testimony and exhibits of:

- **Scott L. Morris**, Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer of Avista;
- **Mark Thies**, Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of Avista;
- **Kevin Christie**, Vice President of Customer Solutions of Avista;
- **Patrick Ehrbar**, Director of Rates of Avista;
- **Mayo Schmidt**, President and Chief Executive Office of Hydro One;
- **Christopher Lopez**, Senior Vice President, Finance of Hydro One; and
- **Ferio Pugliese**, Executive Vice President, Customer Care and Corporate Affairs of Hydro One.

Also included in this filing is a Motion for a Protective Order with “Highly Confidential” Provisions.

As set forth in the Joint Application and supporting testimony, the applicants respectfully request that the Commission complete its review and issue an order approving the Proposed Transaction by August 14, 2018, in order to consummate the Proposed Transaction by no later than September 30, 2018, as contemplated by the Merger Agreement.

Persons authorized on behalf of the Avista to receive notices and communications with respect to this Joint Application are:

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Hydro One and Avista have created an Electronic Document Room containing the documents listed in the Index provided as Appendix 3 to the Joint Application. These documents provide significant foundational information pertaining to both Avista and Hydro One. The Document Room contains documents such as the annual reports of both Avista and Hydro One for 2016, documents relating to debt and equity issuances, and financial reports.

Provisions for access to the electronic Document Room can be arranged by contacting the following representatives of Hydro One: Ben Mayer, Associate, K&L Gates, ben.mayer@klgates.com, 206-370-8074; or Dirk Middents, K&L Gates, dirk.middents@klgates.com, 206-370-5705.

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 14th day of September, 2017.

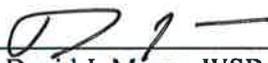
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cc: All parties to Avista's pending General Rate Case (UE-170485 and UG-170486)