

**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)

And

AVISTA CORPORATION
For an Order Authorizing Proposed
Transaction

DOCKET UE-170970

PETITION TO INTERVENE
OF-THE ENERGY PROJECT

1 Pursuant to WAC 480-07-355 (1), The Energy Project hereby petitions the Washington
Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission or UTC) for leave to intervene in the
above-captioned docket as an intervenor. The Energy Project requests intervention with full
party status as described in WAC 480-07-340.

2 The business address of The Energy Project is:

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3 The Energy Project will be represented in this proceeding by Simon J. ffitch. All
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4 The Energy Project works with Community Action Partnership agencies that provide rate assistance and energy efficiency programs for Avista Corporation's (Avista) low-income electric and natural gas customers. The Energy Project also works generally with utilities and other stakeholders to develop and expand rate assistance and energy efficiency programs for low-income customers in Washington. The Energy Project is a frequent party in general rate cases and other significant dockets before the UTC involving Washington investor-owned utilities when energy affordability, energy efficiency, and customer service policies are at issue. The Energy Project has concerns regarding the impact of the proposed Avista/Hydro One transaction on Avista's low-income customers and programs.

5 The Energy Project has a direct and substantial interest in Avista's petition in this docket and no other party will adequately represent those interests. The Energy Project will be the only party to focus solely on the interests of low-income customers in this proceeding. The Energy Project's intervention will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or delay the proceeding. Accordingly, it is in the public interest to allow The Energy Project to intervene in this docket.

6 For the foregoing reasons, The Energy Project respectfully petitions the Commission for leave to intervene in this proceeding.

7 Dated this 21st day of September, 2017.

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