

**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 U-170970

COMMENTS OF THE ENERGY  
PROJECT REGARDING  
COMMISSION INTENT TO  
CONDUCT ADDITIONAL  
PROCESS

1           The Energy Project respectfully submits these comments in response to the Commission's Notice of Intent To Conduct Additional Process, issued July 12, 2016 (Notice). Like the Commission and the other parties, The Energy Project became aware via news reports of the resignations of Chief Executive Officer Mayo Schmidt and the Hydro One Board of Directors subsequent to the provincial elections in June. Given the unexpected nature of these events, and their potential impact on the Settlement Agreement, The Energy Project believes the Commission's stated intent is reasonable "to conduct such additional process as is required in this proceeding to ensure that the record is fully developed with respect to how the Commission will take into account the announced changes in Hydro One's executive management and board of directors[.]"<sup>1</sup>

2           The Energy Project continues to support the terms of the Settlement Agreement entered into by the parties in this case. However, it is reasonable for the Commission and all the parties to take the necessary time to satisfy themselves, in the exercise of due diligence, that the commitments of Avista and Hydro One remain viable and enforceable given the unanticipated

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<sup>1</sup> Notice, p. 2.  
COMMENTS OF TEP REGARDING  
COMMISSION INTENT TO CONDUCT  
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developments with the parent company. Conducting additional process will allow the Commission and the parties an opportunity to address any concerns.

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Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018.

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