

**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

NOTICE OF PREHEARING
CONFERENCE
(Set for October 20, 2017,
9:30 a.m.)

- 1 On September 14, 2017, Hydro One Limited (Hydro One), acting through Olympus Equity LLC, an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary, and Avista Corporation (Avista) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) an application for an order authorizing the acquisition of all Avista outstanding common stock by Olympus Equity LLC, whereby Avista would become a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of Olympus Equity LLC and an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Hydro One.
- 2 **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter under RCW Title 80, and has legal authority to regulate the rates, services and practices of electric and gas utilities. The statutes that apply to this matter include RCW 80.01, and RCW 80.04, including but not limited to RCW 80.01.040, and RCW 80.04.020. The rules that apply to this matter include those within WAC 480-07, WAC 480-80, WAC 480-100, and WAC 480-143.
- 3 The Commission will hear this matter under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), particularly Part IV of RCW 34.05 relating to adjudications. The provisions of the APA that relate to this proceeding include, but are not limited to RCW 34.05.413, RCW 34.05.422, RCW 34.05.431, RCW 34.05.440, RCW 34.05.449, and RCW 34.05.452. The Commission will also follow its procedural rules in WAC 480-07 in this proceeding.
- 4 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That it will hold a prehearing conference in this matter at 9:30 a.m., on October 20, 2017, in the Commission's Hearing Room,**

**Second Floor, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W.,
Olympia, Washington.**

5 The purpose of the prehearing conference is to consider requests for intervention, resolve scheduling matters including establishing dates for distributing evidence, to identify the issues in the proceeding, and determine other matters to assist the Commission in resolving the matter, as listed in WAC 480-07-430.

6 **INTERVENTION:** Persons who wish to intervene should file a petition to intervene in writing at least three business days before the date of the prehearing conference. *See* WAC 480-07-355(a). The Commission will consider oral petitions to intervene during the conference, but strongly prefers written petitions to intervene. Party representatives must file a notice of appearance with the Commission no later than the business day before the conference. *See* WAC 480-07-345(2). Any party or witness in need of an interpreter or other assistance should fill out the form attached to this notice and return it to the Commission. The Commission will set the time and place for any evidentiary hearings at the prehearing conference, on the record of a later conference or hearing session, or by later written notice.

7 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that any party who fails to attend or participate in the prehearing conference set by this Notice, or any other stage of this proceeding, may be held in default under RCW 34.05.440 and WAC 480-07-450.**

8 The names and mailing addresses of all known parties and their known representatives are as follows:

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- 9 The Commissioners of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission and Administrative Law Judge Dennis J. Moss, from the Commission's Administrative Law Division, will preside during this proceeding.
- 10 The Attorney General has designated Lisa W. Gafken of the Office of the Public Counsel to represent the public. You may use the Commission's address, shown below, for contacting Public Counsel, or you may contact Public Counsel directly by writing or calling the address or telephone number listed below.
- 11 The Commission will give parties notice of any other procedural phase of the proceeding in writing or on the record, as appropriate during this proceeding.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective September 27, 2017.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

STEVEN V. KING
Executive Director and Secretary

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Hearing facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. Smoking is prohibited. If limited English-speaking, hearing-impaired parties or witnesses are involved in a hearing and need an interpreter, a qualified interpreter will be appointed at no cost to the party or witness.

If you need an interpreter, or have other special needs, please fill out this form and return it to Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission, Attention: Steven V. King, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW, P. O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250. (PLEASE SUPPLY ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION)

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Case Name: _____

Hearing Date: _____ Hearing Location: _____

Primary Language: _____

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Do you need a certified sign language interpreter:

Visual _____ Tactile _____

Other type of assistance needed: _____

English-speaking person who can be contacted if there are questions:

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