

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON

UM-1897

1 In the Matter of the Application of Hydro)
2 One Limited (acting through its acquisition) JOINT MOTION FOR CONVENING
3 Subsidiary Olympus Holding Corp.) for an) A COMMISSIONER WORKSHOP
4 Order Authorizing Hydro One Limited To)
5 Exercise Substantial Influence Over the)
6 Policies and Actions of Avista Corporation)

7 Hydro One (hereafter "Applicant") and Avista Corporation (hereafter "Avista") (collectively
8 referred to as the "Movants") move the Public Utility Commission of Oregon ("Commission") for
9 the entry of an order convening a Commission Workshop in this matter on October 22, 2018, at or
10 after 1:30 pm, to accommodate parties. Movants have confirmed that this date and time is available
11 on Commission calendars.

12 The recent changes in Hydro One's management include the promotion of Mr. Paul Dobson
13 as Acting CEO and Mr. Chris Lopez to Acting CFO. In addition, a new Board of Directors is in
14 place and Mr. Thomas Woods has been elected as the new Chairman of the Board. On September
15 19, 2018, the new Board of Directors passed a Resolution reaffirming its commitment to the merger,
16 and Mr. Dobson has submitted prefiled testimony that reconfirms Hydro One's support for the
17 merger and the negotiated terms of the Settlement Stipulation filed on May 25, 2018.

18 The Parties have previously agreed upon a revised hearing schedule that was adopted on July
19 25, 2018, calling for supplemental testimony addressing the impact of management changes at
20 Hydro One on Avista and its customers. For its part, Staff Witness Muldoon submitted Reply
21 Testimony on September 20, 2018, in which he recommended the following:

22 Staff noted previously that many of the new leaders at Hydro One are unfamiliar
23 with the Oregon Commission at this time. As a result, Staff recommends that

1 Acting CEO Dobson and Commissioners look for an opportunity to interact face-
2 to-face, perhaps in the November 15, 2018 time frame reserved for a hearing and
3 questions from Commissioners. The opportunity for Hydro One leadership and
4 NW commissioners to meet and potentially develop confidence in each other
5 could be integral to forming smooth working relationships. (Exh. 600/Muldoon,
6 pg. 8)
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8 Applicant and Avista believe that this suggestion has real merit, and would provide an opportunity
9 for the Commissioners to become better acquainted with the new management at Hydro One.

10 Because the new Acting CEO, Mr. Dobson, and the new Chairman of the Board, Mr.
11 Woods, will be travelling to testify before the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
12 on Tuesday, October 23, 2018, in Olympia, Washington, it would be feasible to arrive the day
13 before (October 22) in Salem, Oregon for the purpose of participating in a Commission Workshop,
14 on the afternoon of October 22, 2018, at or after 1:30 p.m. – a date and time that is open on
15 Commission calendars.¹ (October 24, the day after the Washington Hearing, was not otherwise
16 available on the Commissions calendar.)

17 Earlier in the established procedural schedule, a Commissioner Workshop was held, to good
18 effect, on February 26, 2018. That appeared to be helpful in identifying any issues of interest to the
19 Commissioners. A similar workshop on October 22nd would serve a similar purpose, and would be
20 important, given the presence of new management at Hydro One.

21 If held, Hydro One would make available both the Acting CEO (Mr. Dobson) and the
22 Chairman of the Board (Mr. Woods), as well as Mr. Jamie Scarlett (Vice President and Chief Legal
23 Officer), and Mr. Chris Lopez (Acting Chief Financial Officer). For its part, Mr. Scott Morris, as
24 the CEO and Chairman of the Board of Avista, would be available, as would Mr. Thies, Avista's
25 Chief Financial Officer. In addition, Hydro One's and Avista's independent expert, Mr. John Reed

¹ Parties to this case have asked that the requested afternoon session on October 22, begin no earlier than 1:30 pm.

1 of Concentric Energy Advisers, would be available.

2 The agenda for such a Commissioner Workshop would be set by the Commissioners
3 themselves, but Movants suggest that it be structured around any impact of management changes at
4 Hydro One on the Proposed Transaction or Avista, and the role of the Province of Ontario, if any, in
5 the future affairs of Hydro One and Avista. Movants suggest that the other parties to the proceeding
6 have an opportunity to respond to questions of the Commissioners and ALJ and to statements of
7 Hydro One's and Avista's witnesses during the Workshop.

8 For the foregoing reasons, Movants request an order convening a Commissioner Workshop
9 on October 22, 2018, at or after 1:30 p.m.

10 Counsel for Avista has contacted counsel for the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of
11 Oregon ("Staff"); the Oregon Citizens' Utility Board ("CUB"); the Alliance of Western Energy
12 Consumers ("AWEC")²; and the Laborers' International Union of North America with its affiliated
13 District Council and Local Unions ("LIUNA")³, representing all parties in this proceeding, and none
14 oppose this motion.

15 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 9th day of October, 2018.

² Formerly known as the Northwest Industrial Gas Users ("NWIGU").

³ LIUNA was represented by the Oregon and Southern Idaho District Council of Laborers ("OSIDCL").

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