

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM 1897

In the Matter of the Application of Hydro One Limited (acting through its indirect Subsidiary Olympus Equity LLC) for an Order Authorizing Hydro One Limited To Exercise Substantial Influence Over the Policies and Actions of Avista Corporation

NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL GAS
USERS' PETITION TO INTERVENE

and Waiver of Paper Service

Pursuant to ORS § 756.525 and OAR § 860-001-0300(2), Northwest Industrial Gas Users ("NWIGU") hereby submits this Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned proceeding and seeks party status. In support of this Petition to Intervene, NWIGU states as follows:

1. The name and address of NWIGU as a party of record in this proceeding is:

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2. NWIGU is a non-profit association comprised of approximately 38 end users of natural gas with major facilities in the States of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. NWIGU members include diverse industrial and commercial interests, including food processing, pulp and paper, wood products, electric generation, aluminum, steel, chemicals, electronics, aerospace, and healthcare providers. The association provides an informational service to its members and participates in various regulatory matters that affect member interests. NWIGU member companies purchase sales and transportation services from Oregon local distribution companies including Avista Corporation (“Avista”).

3. On July 19, 2017, Hydro One Limited announced that it had entered into a Merger Agreement with Avista Corporation. On September 14, 2017, Hydro One Limited submitted an Application for Authorization to Exercise Substantial Influence over the Policies and Actions of Avista Corporation.

4. NWIGU’s participation in this proceeding will assist the Commission in resolving the issues, and will not unreasonably broaden the issues, unduly burden the record, or delay the proceeding. NWIGU regularly participates in Avista dockets, including general rate case proceedings. NWIGU’s participation in this docket will not only assist the Commission and other parties in this docket, but will make NWIGU’s participation in the next general rate case

more efficient. Because depreciation rates affect rates for all customers, NWIGU's participation will benefit multiple customer classes.

5. NWIGU waives paper service of documents in this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, NWIGU respectfully requests leave to intervene and requests all the rights of a party in this proceeding.

Dated this 3rd day of October 2017.

Respectfully submitted,



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