

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT) CASE NOS. AVU-E-17-09
APPLICATION OF HYDRO ONE LIMITED) AVU-G-17-05
AND AVISTA CORPORATION FOR)
APPROVAL OF MERGER AGREEMENT) NOTICE OF SCHEDULING
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) NOTICE OF
) TECHNICAL HEARING
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) ORDER NO. 33950

On July 19, 2017, Avista announced that it had entered into a merger agreement with Hydro One (“Applicants”). On September 14, 2017, the Applicants filed a joint application for approval of the merger. Approval of the Application would result in Avista becoming a wholly owned subsidiary of a Hydro One holding company. The Applicants have requested approval by August 14, 2018, and have made the same request in other state jurisdictions.

On October 5, 2017, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and ordered an intervention deadline of October 26, 2017. Order No. 33903. Idaho Forest Group, Clearwater Paper, Idaho Conservation League (ICL), the Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho (CAPAI), and the Washington and Northern Idaho District Council of Laborers (WNIDCL) intervened as parties.

With this Order, we approve the proposed timeline, and schedule a technical hearing for the parties to testify before the Commission. The Commission will schedule public informational workshops, and a public hearing by separate Order at a later date.

NOTICE OF SCHEDULING

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that, the parties have agreed to participate in settlement discussions on April 26 and June 5, 2018. The parties have also agreed to the following procedural schedule for pre-filed testimony, which the Commission adopts:

Deadline for Staff/Intervenor Pre-filed Testimony	May 18, 2018
Deadline for Company Prefiled Rebuttal	June 20, 2018

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all testimony and exhibits in this matter must comport with Commission Rules of Procedure 231 and 267, IDAPA 31.01.01.231 and .267.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the parties have been directed to serve discovery, testimony, and exhibits to each other by electronic mail pursuant to Rule 63, IDAPA 31.01.01.063.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that when filing discovery with the Commission, the parties shall provide an original and three copies to the Commission Secretary. IDAPA 31.01.01.061.02.

NOTICE OF TECHNICAL HEARING

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will conduct a technical hearing on **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 2018, COMMENCING AT 9:30 A.M. (MDT) IN THE COMMISSION HEARING ROOM, 472 WEST WASHINGTON, BOISE, IDAHO.**

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission intends to schedule public workshops in the Company's service territory, and a public hearing for customers and non-parties to testify before the Commission. The date, time, and location of the workshops and public hearing will be detailed in a subsequent Order.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the record in this matter is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. The record is available on the Commission's web site at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click on the "File Room" tab at the top of the page, scroll down to and click on "Electric Cases," and then click on Case No. AVU-E-17-09, or on "Gas Cases," and click on Case No. AVU-G-17-05.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000, *et seq.*

ORDER

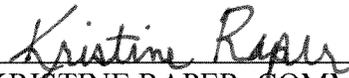
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Commission adopts the procedural schedule set forth in the above Notice of Scheduling.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a technical hearing will commence in this matter on Wednesday, June 27, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. (MDT) in the Commission Hearing Room.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 20th
day of December 2017.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT



KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER



ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



Diane M. Hanian
Commission Secretary

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