

DECISION MEMORANDUM

**TO: COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER
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**FROM: BRANDON KARPERN
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DATE: DECEMBER 15, 2017

**SUBJECT: JOINT APPLICATION OF HYDRO ONE LIMITED AND AVISTA
CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF MERGER AGREEMENT
CASE NOS. AVU-E-17-09 AND AVU-G-17-05**

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 the above captioned 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 Notice of Intervention Deadline. 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. After conferring, the parties now propose the following schedule:

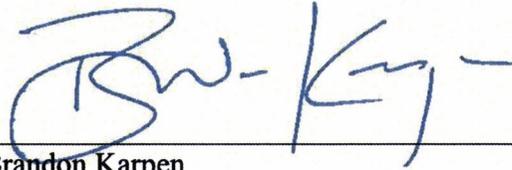
Settlement Conference	April 26, 2018
Staff/Intervenor Prefile Testimony	May 18, 2018
Second Settlement Conference	June 5, 2018
Applicants Prefile Rebuttal Testimony	June 20, 2018
Technical Evidentiary Hearing	June 27, 2018

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission issue an Order that adopts the above schedule and sets a technical hearing for June 27, 2018. At this time, Staff makes no recommend regarding public informational workshops, or a public hearing for customers. Staff believes the Commission should schedule workshops, and a customer hearing through a separate order at a later date.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to issue an Order that adopts the agreed-upon schedule and sets a technical hearing as described above?

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Brandon Karpen
Deputy Attorney General