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RE: Docket D2017.9.71 – PSC Staff Data Request Responses

Enclosed are Hydro One's and Avista's responses to PSC Staff's data requests in the above referenced docket. Included in this mailing are the *original copies* of Hydro One's and Avista's responses to data requests: **Staff 1-16 and 18-22** (There was no question numbered 17). The electronic versions of the responses were posted to the Commission website and emailed to the Montana Consumer Counsel on **1/17/2018**.

Note regarding objections:

Hydro One and Avista respond to each of the data requests in a spirit of transparency and collaboration. While some of the data requests may be objectionable, Hydro One and Avista will reserve their right to object to the use of any of the data responses as evidence at the time such evidence is offered.

Note as to forward-looking statements and information:

With respect to all of Hydro One's data responses served in this proceeding, to the extent any response or attachments contain forward-looking information or statements, within the meaning of applicable securities laws, that are based on current expectations, estimates, forecasts and projections about Hydro One's business and the industry in which Hydro One operates and include beliefs and assumptions made by the management of Hydro One, such information and statements are not guarantees of future performance or actions and involve assumptions and risks and uncertainties that are difficult to predict. Words such as "expect," "anticipate," "intend," "attempt," "may," "plan," "will," "can," "believe," "seek," "estimate," and variations of such words and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking information/statements. Therefore, actual outcomes and results may differ materially from what is expressed, implied or forecasted in such forward-looking information/statements. Hydro One does not intend, and Hydro One disclaims any obligation to update any forward-looking information/statements, except as required by law.

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