

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA**

IN THE MATTER OF Avista Corporation and)	REGULATORY DIVISION
Hydro One Limited's Application for)	
Authorization of the Proposed Sale and Transfer)	DOCKET NO. D2017.9.71
Of Avista Corporation)	

**CITY OF COLSTRIP'S
PETITION TO INTERVENE**

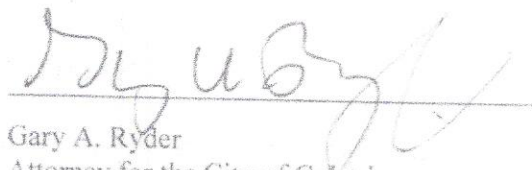
The City of Colstrip, Montana, a municipal corporation ("Colstrip"), by and through its counsel, Gary A. Ryder, respectively petitions the Montana Public Service Commission ("Commission") for general intervention in this proceeding pursuant to the Commission's February 21, 2018, Notice of Additional Issues. The City of Colstrip provides the following support for its intervention:

1. The City of Colstrip is a municipal corporation in Montana and the location of Colstrip Units 1, 2, 3 and 4 coal-fired electric generation facility. The ownership of these plants are Avista Corporation, Northwestern Energy, LLC, PacifiCorp, Portland General Electric, Talen Energy and Puget Sound Energy. Avista, a Washington corporation, has a 15% interest in Units 3 and 4.
2. The City of Colstrip and the economic commerce of Colstrip and the surrounding areas may be adversely affected by the change of ownership of Avista Corporation. Avista Corporation's interest in Montana-sited resources is specifically addressed in the Public Service Commission's February 21, 2018 Order.

3. The City of Colstrip is concerned by the application presented by Hydro One Limited and the Avista Corporation. This application may potentially have an adverse effect on our City, its residents and workers. The potential closure of Units 3 and 4 would be devastating to our community. The City of Colstrip is concerned that this transaction is not in the public's best interest. The City of Colstrip is also concerned that this action is similar to the Puget Sound Energy closure of Units 1 and 2. In this action, a \$10 million settlement fund has been agreed to by Puget Sound Energy. Currently there is a Colstrip Community Impact Advisory Group that has been established to prepare a transition plan for the closure of Units 1 and 2. Our concern is that the Avista Application before the Commission could adversely impact the City and residents of Colstrip, Montana. Our intervention is to express our concerns that could potentially lead to discussion with Avista regarding their future plans for Units 3 and 4 and the company's commitment and responsibility to the City of Colstrip.
4. The City of Colstrip requests general intervenor status and all related rights of participation in this matter.
5. The City of Colstrip reserves its right as may be appropriate to contribute testimony in this matter. The City of Colstrip's participation as a general intervenor will not adversely affect the orderly disposition of this proceeding.

For the forgoing reasons, the City of Colstrip respectfully asks the Commission to grant its intervention in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted on March 14, 2018.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Gary A. Ryder", is written over a horizontal line.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

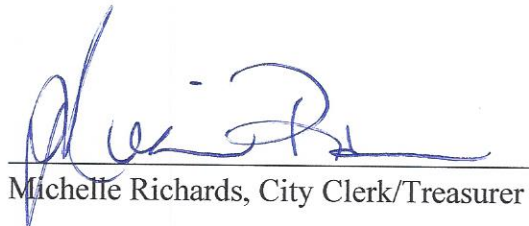
I hereby certify that on this, the 14th day of March, 2018, the CITY OF COLSTRIP'S PETITION TO INTERVENE was electronically filed with the Montana Public Service Commission and served upon the parties listed below via U.S. mail and e-mail, unless otherwise noted:

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