

# Positioned for performance: An overview of Q3 2016 and beyond

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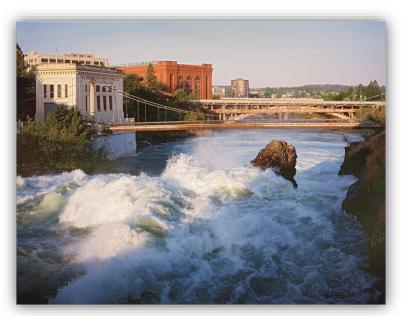
### Strong and stable utility core

#### **Avista Utilities**

- Regulated electric and natural gas operations
- Serves customers in Washington, Idaho and Oregon
- Contributes about 95% of earnings

Alaska Electric Light & Power Company (AEL&P)

- Regulated electric operations
- Serves customers in City and Borough of Juneau



Long history of service, trust, innovation and collaboration



Photo: Spokane River Upper Falls

### **Steadily building long-term value**

### **Projecting long-term earnings and dividend growth of 4% to 5%**

Avista Utilities	<ul> <li>5% to 6% rate base growth through utility capital investments</li> <li>Upgrading infrastructure</li> <li>Grid modernization</li> <li>Customer and load growth ~1%</li> </ul>
AEL&P	<ul> <li>Strong near-term rate base growth through investment in generation</li> <li>Customer and load growth ~1%</li> <li>Planning to bring natural gas to Juneau</li> </ul>
Strategic Investments	<ul> <li>Developing platforms for future growth</li> <li>Targeting expanded natural gas services via LNG*</li> <li>Exploring data science and advanced analytics</li> <li>Investing in emerging technologies</li> </ul>

Reliably building value for our customers, investors, communities and employees



\*LNG: Liquefied natural gas

# **Avista Utilities**

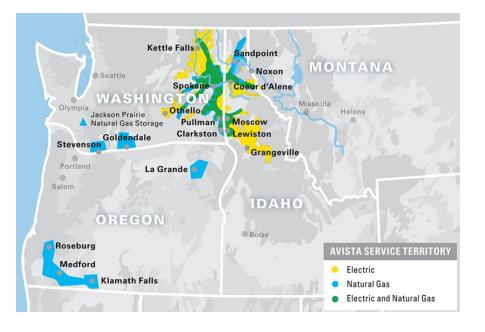
### Significant investments in utility infrastructure



## Solid foundation and continued commitment to innovation

### Providing safe and reliable service for 127 years

- Diverse customer base
  - 30,000 square mile service territory
  - □ Service area population 1.6 million
    - 375,000 electric customers
    - 335,000 natural gas customers
- Strong customer focus
  - 90% percent or better customer satisfaction ratings every year since 1999
  - Developing key customer initiatives
- Invested in our communities
  - More than \$1.5 million per year in charitable donations and over 48,000 volunteer hours from our employees



Information as of Dec. 31, 2015

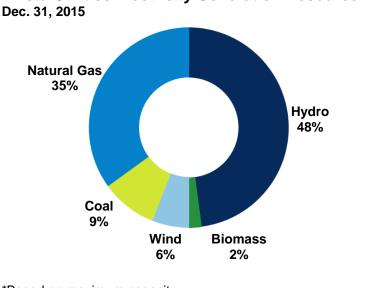
# A responsible mix of generation

### Founded on clean, renewable hydropower

- Strategy is to control a portfolio of resources that responsibly meet our long-term energy needs
- Long resources through 2020; plan to add 96 MW natural gas peaker by the end of 2020
- Exceeds Washington state's 15% Renewable Portfolio Standard for the next 20 years



Post Falls Dam, Idaho



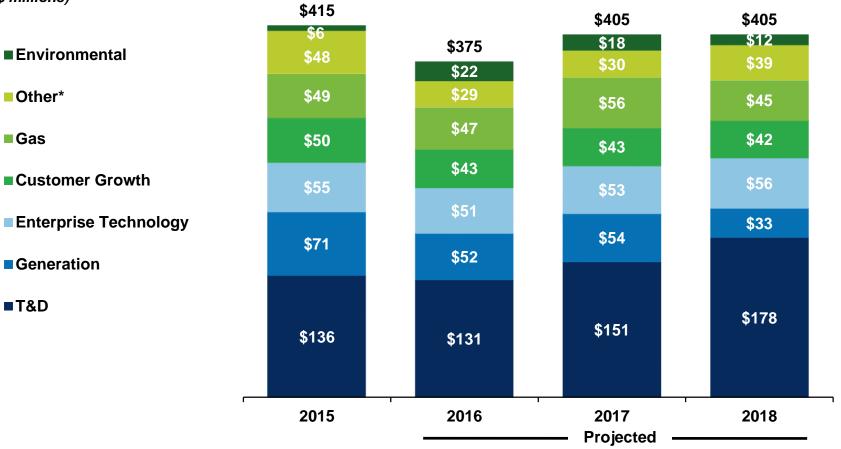
\*Based on maximum capacity Excludes AEL&P

# **Avista Utilities Electricity Generation Resource Mix\***

### Significant investments to upgrade all systems

### 5% to 6% rate base growth

Avista Utilities Capital Expenditures\*\* (\$ millions)



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\* Other includes Facilities and Fleet

\*\* Excludes capital expenditures at AEL&P of \$13 million in 2015, and projected capital expenditures of \$17 million in 2016, \$5.3 million in 2017 and \$5.5 million in 2018

### **Investing in our utility**

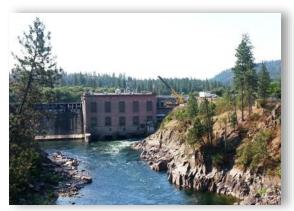
### Preserving and enhancing service reliability



Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI)



Aldyl A Natural Gas Pipe Replacement



**Nine Mile Falls Rehab** 



**Grid Modernization** 



Little Falls Plant Upgrade



### **Driving effective regulatory outcomes**

### **Continued recovery of costs and capital investments**

#### Washington



- Feb. 19, 2016, filed an electric and natural gas rate request with a proposed 18-month rate plan designed for new rates effective Jan. 1, 2017, and Jan. 1, 2018. Under this plan, we would not file a rate case for new rates to be effective prior to July 1, 2018.
- Request designed to increase annual electric revenues by 7.6% or \$38.6 million, and annual natural gas revenues by 2.8% or \$4.4 million effective Jan. 1, 2017.
- The request also includes a secondstep increase on Jan. 1, 2018, designed to increase electric revenues by 3.9% or \$10.3 million, and natural gas revenues by 1.0% or \$0.9 million, for the January through June 2018 period.
- Request based on 48.5% equity ratio and a 9.9% return on equity.

#### Idaho

- Oct. 24, 2016, filed an all-party settlement agreement designed to increase annual electric base revenues by 2.5% or \$6.3 million; plus continued recovery of \$4.1 million of costs related to Palouse Wind Project through the PCA mechanism.
- Based on a 9.5% return on equity with a 50.0% common equity ratio.
- New rates would be effective Jan. 1, 2017.

#### Oregon

- Nov. 30, 2016, filed a natural gas rate request to increase revenues by 9% or \$8.5M.
- Request based on 50% equity ratio and 9.9% return on equity.
- The PUC has up to 10 months to review and rule; if approved, new rates would take effect no later than Oct. 1, 2017.



#### Alaska



- Sept. 16, 2016, filed an electric general rate request to increase revenues by 8.1% or \$2.8 million.
- An interim rate increase of 3.86% or \$1.3 million was effective Nov. 23, 2016.
- An additional \$2.9 million annually from interruptible service was approved to reduce overall revenue requirement from \$5.7 million to \$2.8 million.
- Request based on a 58% equity ratio and a 13.8% return on equity.
- The RCA has approximately 15 months to rule on the permanent rate increase.





# Alaska Electric Light & Power Company (AEL&P)

**Growing the utility core** 



# **Diversifying our utility footprint**



### Oldest regulated electric utility in Alaska, founded in 1893

- Serves 17,000 electric customers in the City and Borough of Juneau, meeting nearly all of its energy needs with hydropower
- One of the lowest-cost electric utilities in the state
- Approved capital structure of 53.8% equity and an authorized return on equity of 12.875%



Juneau, Alaska





# Opportunity to drive additional growth in Alaska

### Planning to bring natural gas to Juneau

- Continuing to work through the key issues
  - Seek low-cost debt financing through mechanisms provided by Alaska Industrial Development & Export Authority (AIDEA)
  - Exploring alternative ways to pay for customers' conversion costs
- Next Step
  - File and obtain from the regulatory commission of Alaska a non-conditional Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity



Juneau, Alaska



# **Strategic Investments**

### **Developing platforms for future growth**



# **Creating new growth platforms**

- Expand natural gas services via LNG
  - Salix (subsidiary)
    - Generation diesel substitution
    - Marine fueling
    - Rail fueling
- Targeted investments
  - Energy Impact Partners
    - Private equity fund that invests in emerging technologies, products, services, and business models throughout electricity supply chain with a collaborative, strategic investment approach
  - Plum Energy
    - Small LNG project investments
  - TROVE
    - Leverage AMI, consumer and other data through predictive analytics











# Financial

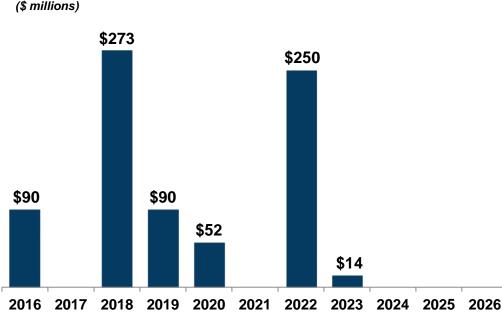
### **Performance Metrics**



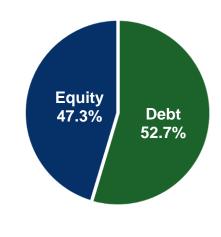
### **Prudent balance sheet and liquidity**

### \$139.8 million of available liquidity at Avista Corp. as of Sept. 30, 2016

- Executed a \$70.0 million term loan agreement with an expiration date of Dec. 30, 2016, which was used to repay a portion of \$90.0 million bond maturity in August
- In August priced \$175 million of Avista Corp. first mortgage bonds with a coupon of 3.54%\* and maturity date of December 2051. Expect to issue December 2016
- Issued 1.6 million shares of common stock under our sales agency agreements for total net proceeds of approximately \$66 million as of Sept. 30, 2016



Consolidated Capital Structure Sept. 30, 2016



Additional long-term debt maturities beyond 2026 not shown

No significant maturities until 2018

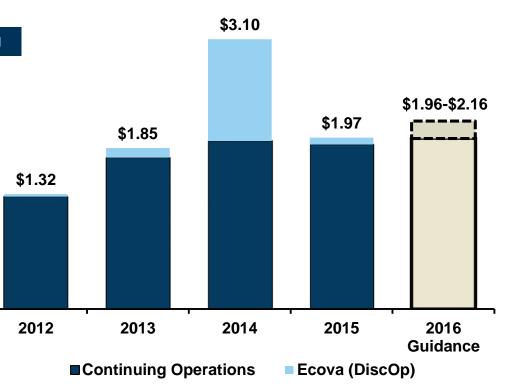
\*In connection with this pricing, we cash-settled seven interest rate swap contracts (notional aggregate amount of \$125 million) and paid a total of \$54 million.

### **Continued long-term earnings growth**

#### **Total Earnings per Diluted Share**

Attributable to Avista Corporation

Business Segments	Q3 2016	Q3 2015
Avista Utilities	\$0.20	\$0.20
AEL&P	\$0.01	\$0.01
Other	\$(0.02)	-
TOTAL – Diluted EPS	\$0.19	\$0.21



2016 Earnings Guidance			
Avista Utilities	\$1.91 - \$2.05		
AEL&P	\$0.09 - \$0.13		
Other	\$(0.04) - \$(0.02)		
Consolidated	\$1.96 - \$2.16		

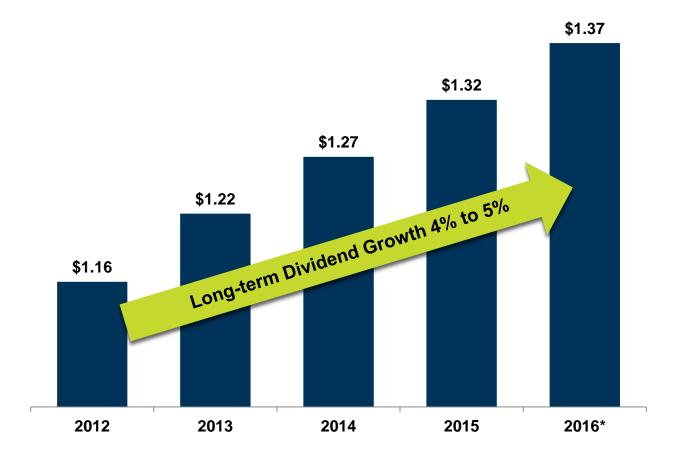
#### **Guidance Assumptions**

- Our outlook for Avista Utilities assumes, among other variables, normal precipitation and temperatures for the remainder of the year.
- Our outlook for AEL&P assumes, among other variables, normal precipitation, temperatures and hydroelectric generation for the remainder of the year.
- Our guidance range for Avista Utilities encompasses expected variability in power supply costs and the application of the ERM to that power supply cost variability.
- The midpoint of our guidance range for Avista Utilities does not include any benefit or expense under the ERM. In 2016 we expect to be in a benefit position under the ERM.



### Stable and growing dividend

Dividend growth expected to keep pace with long-term earnings growth



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\*Current quarterly dividend of \$0.3425 annualized

### An attractive investment

- Strong and responsible core utility
  - Investing substantially to modernize infrastructure and upgrade systems
  - Steady returns and attractive dividend yield\*
  - One of the greenest utilities in the U.S.\*\*
- Focus on utility growth
  - Selective acquisitions
  - Developing new products and services and supporting economic development throughout service area
  - LDC opportunity in Juneau
- Positioning for the future
  - Strategically investing in ways to extend access to natural gas via LNG, leverage AMI data through applied analytics, gain insight into leading-edge energy solutions
  - Track record of innovation (e.g. Itron, ReliOn, Ecova)

Source: Benchmarking Air Emissions of the 100 Largest Power Producers in the United States, NRDC, July 2015

Dividend yield 3.3% based on stock price as of Sept. 30, 2016



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Photo: Cabinet Gorge Dam

LDC: Local distribution company

### We welcome your questions

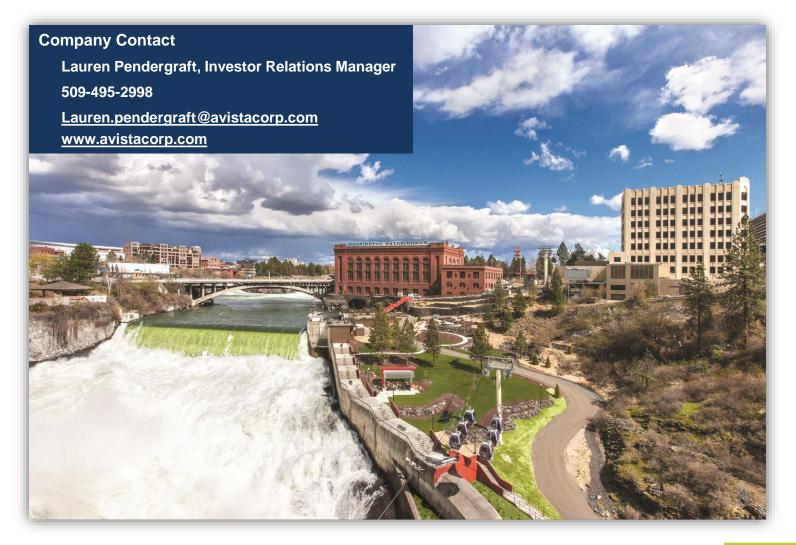


Photo: Huntington Park, Spokane, Wash.

