

# Positioned for performance: An overview of 2015 and beyond

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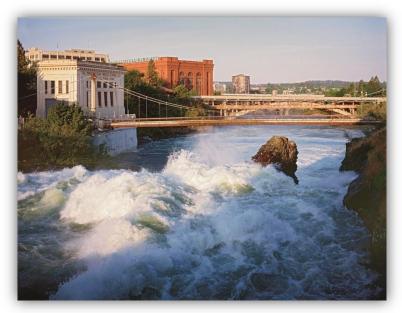
## Strong and stable utility core

#### **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



## Steadily building long-term value

## Projecting earnings and dividend growth of 4% to 5%

#### **Avista Utilities**

- 5% to 6% rate base growth through utility capital investments
  - Upgrading infrastructure
  - □ Grid modernization
- Customer and load growth (~1%)

#### AEL&P

- Strong near-term rate base growth through investment in generation
- Customer and load growth (~1%)
- Planning to bring natural gas to Juneau

## Strategic Investments

- Developing platforms for future growth
  - Targeting expanded natural gas services via LNG\*
  - Exploring data science and advanced analytics

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

\*LNG: Liquefied natural gas



## **Avista Utilities**

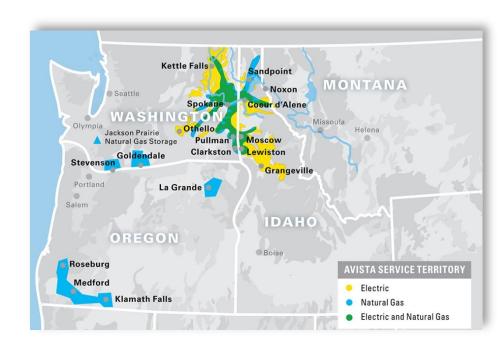
Significant investments in utility infrastructure



### 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

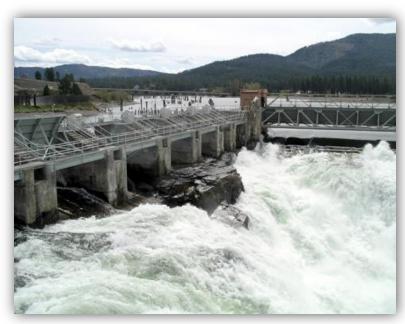




## A responsible mix of generation

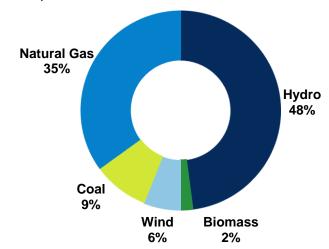
### Founded on clean, renewable hydropower

- 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

## Avista Utilities Electricity Generation Resource Mix\* Dec. 31, 2015



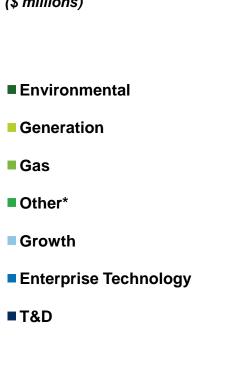
\*Based on maximum capacity Excludes AEL&P

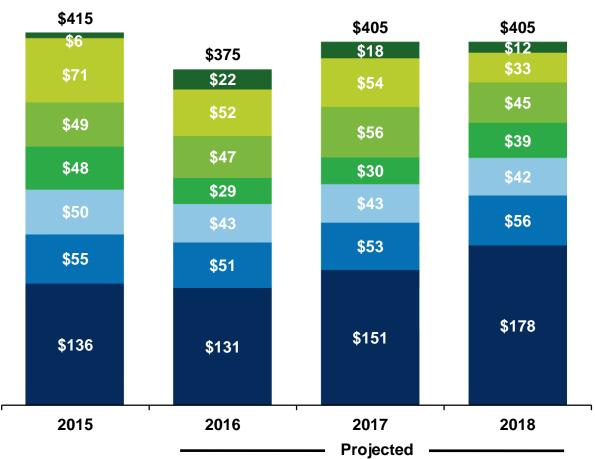


## Significant investments to upgrade all systems

### 5% to 6% rate base growth

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





<sup>\*</sup> Other includes Facilities and Fleet



<sup>\*\*</sup> Excludes capital expenditures at AEL&P of \$13 million in 2015, and projected capital expenditures of \$17 million in 2016, \$13 million in 2017 and \$18 million in 2018

## Investing in our utility

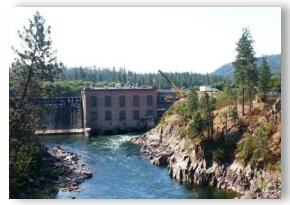
## Preserving and enhancing service reliability



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 percent or \$38.6 million, and annual natural gas revenues by 2.8 percent or \$4.4 million on Jan. 1, 2017.
- The request also includes a secondstep increase designed to increase annual electric revenues by 1.6 percent or \$10.3 million, and annual natural gas revenues by 1.0 percent or \$0.9 million on Jan. 1, 2018.
- Request based on 48.5% equity ratio and a 9.9% return on equity.

#### Idaho



 Expect to file electric and natural gas general rate cases in Idaho during the first half of 2016.

#### **Oregon**



- We entered into all-party partial settlement agreements which includes the implementation of a natural gas decoupling mechanism. The agreements reduces the natural gas revenue request from \$8.6 million to \$6.1 million.
- Unsettled issues include return on equity and capital structure, appropriate level of additions to rate base and appropriate level of expenses.
- Request based on 50% equity ratio and 9.9% return on equity.
- Decision expected by Feb. 29, 2016.





## 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

- Invest approximately \$130 million over 10 years
  - 50% during first five years
  - Expect \$0.05 of earnings by third year of operations
  - Two-year construction phase
    - Construction could begin in the first half 2016
    - Slightly dilutive to earnings during construction phase
    - Accretive to earnings during first year of operations



Juneau, Alaska

#### Next steps

- Seek low-cost debt financing through mechanisms provided by Alaska Industrial Development & Export Authority (AIDEA)
- Request state and local funds to support customers' conversion costs
- File and obtain from the regulatory commission of Alaska a nonconditional Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity



# **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
  - Finalist for LNG liquefaction plant to serve the Interior Energy Project, specifically Fairbanks, Alaska
    - One of two finalists selected in RFP process
    - Decision expected in the first quarter of 2016
- Targeted investments
  - Plum Energy
    - Small LNG project investments
  - TROVE
    - Leverage AMI data through applied analytics









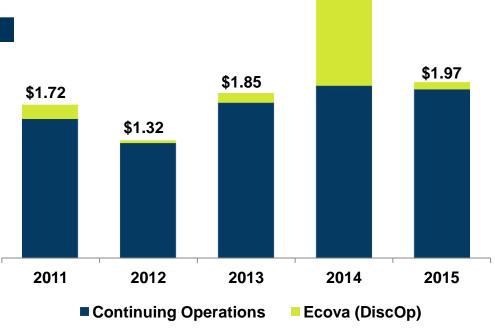
## **Financial Performance Metrics**



## **Continued earnings growth**

## **Total Earnings per Diluted Share Attributable to Avista Corporation**

Business Segments	Q4 2015	Q4 2014
Avista Utilities	\$0.51	\$0.45
AEL&P	\$0.04	\$0.04
Other	\$(0.01)	\$(0.01)
Continuing Operations – Diluted EPS	\$0.54	\$0.48
Ecova (DiscOp)	\$0.07	\$0.03
TOTAL – Diluted EPS	\$0.61	\$0.51



\$3.10



#### **Growth for 2016**

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**

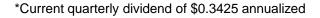
- Our outlook for Avista Utilities assumes, among other variables, normal precipitation, temperatures and hydroelectric generation for the remainder of the year and includes the expected impact from decoupling.
- Our outlook for AEL&P assumes, among other variables, normal precipitation, temperatures 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 within the \$4.0 million band.
- In 2016, we expect to issue about \$155 million of long-term debt and about \$55 million of common stock.



## **Attractive and growing dividend**

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







#### 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 future
  - Strategically investing in ways to extend access to natural gas via LNG and leverage AMI data through applied analytics
  - □ Track record of innovation (e.g. Itron, ReliOn, Ecova)



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Photo: Cabinet Gorge Dam



<sup>\*</sup> Dividend yield 3.6% based on stock price as of Feb. 24, 2016

<sup>\*\*</sup> Source: Benchmarking Air Emissions of the 100 Largest Power Producers in the United States, NRDC, May 2014 LDC: Local distribution company

## We welcome your questions

