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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT)
PETITION OF AVISTA CORPORATION) Case No.: AVU-E-05-07
AND THOMPSON RIVER CO-GEN, LLC)
FOR APPROVAL OF A POWER) COMMENTS OF THOMPSON RIVER
PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT) LUMBER COMPANY OF MONTANA,
) INC.

Thompson River Lumber Company of Montana, Inc. ("TRL"), through its President, Roger L. Claridge, hereby submits these comments with respect to the Joint Petition filed in this proceeding on August 31, 2006, by Avista Corporation ("Avista") and Thompson River Co-Gen, LLC ("TRC").

As explained below, TRL owns the land on which TRC's co-generation plant is located, and TRL and TRC are in the process of addressing issues with respect to their contractual relationships, but the parties have not completed their efforts in this regard. Therefore, because of the October 6, 2006, deadline for submitting comments on the Joint Petition, TRL felt it necessary to submit these comments to protect its interests. These comments are submitted pursuant to the "Notice of Contract Filing" issued by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") dated September 7, 2006.

The Joint Petition relates to a co-generation plant owned by TRC near Thompson Falls, Montana. TRL is the owner of the land on which the plant is located. TRL owns and operates an adjacent lumber mill – also on the same area of land owned by TRL - and TRL leases the portion of the land on which the plant is located to TRC pursuant to a Lease Agreement dated October 3, 2002, between TRL and TRC (“Lease Agreement”).

Contemporaneous with entering into the Lease Agreement, TRL and TRC entered into a Power and Steam Supply Agreement, also dated October 3, 2002 (“PSSA”) whereby TRC is to provide the lumber mill with electricity and steam as requested by TRL (subject to the terms of the PSSA). Therefore, TRL has been and will continue to be a purchaser of TRC’s generation in addition to Avista. (The maximum amount of electricity TRC is obligated to deliver is two megawatt hours during any hour or 15 million kilowatt hours during any year.)

Therefore the sentence in the Notice of Contract Filing that states: “Avista will be the sole purchaser of TRC’s generation” is incorrect. The proposed Avista-TRC Power Purchase Agreement (“PPA”) recognizes TRL as a purchaser of TRC’s generation in the definition of “Net Available Output” (Section 1.14), which defines that term as “all electric energy generated by the Facility, net of Facility Service Power, net of power delivered to Thompson River Lumber Company, an adjacent separately owned business, net of transformation losses.” (emphasis added)

The PPA only has one other reference to TRL, in Section 23.2, which states: “[E]xecution of the Agreement shall not be deemed to waive any party’s right to object to the issuance of any water right or permit to or on account of Project Developer or Thompson River Lumber Company.”

Because the PPA only contains two brief references to TRL, TRL is submitting these comments so that the Commission understands the relationship between TRL and TRC. At the time the Lease Agreement and the PSSA were signed, TRC had a power purchase agreement with Northwestern Energy, which was referenced in both the Lease Agreement and the PSSA. The NorthWestern Energy power purchase agreement has since been terminated, and various other developments have occurred since then, and these developments have raised various issues between TRL and TRC.

TRL and TRC are currently in the process of addressing these issues, including working on an amendment to the Lease Agreement. Based on recent discussions between TRL and TRC, TRL believes it will be able to satisfactorily address such issues with TRC.

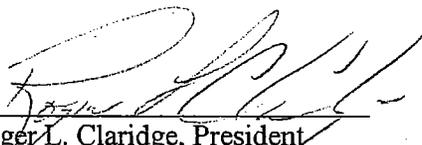
However, because TRL is still in the process of addressing these issues, until they are completed, TRL felt it necessary to protect its interests and submit these comments. The Joint Petition does not explain or recognize TRL's interests in relation to TRC or the PPA (except for the two references to TRL in the PPA noted above). TRL felt the Commission should be aware of the fact that TRL owns the land the co-generation plant is located on, and that TRL is a purchaser of the plant's generation (and steam).

An example of the relevance of this to the PPA is that the PPA has a long section on Avista's step-in rights (Section 7.4). These rights allow Avista to "step in" and operate the co-generation plant under certain circumstances, but this section does not address the fact that TRL owns the land the plant is on, so Avista would be coming on TRL's land if it exercised these rights. Also, this section does not address the obligations of the plant to supply electricity and steam to TRL pursuant to the PSSA, or the obligation to make lease payments to TRL under the Lease Agreement.

In conclusion, while TRL hopes to satisfactorily address its various issues with TRC, given the deadline for submitting comments in this proceeding, TRL is submitting these comments to protect its interests.

DATED this 6 day of October, 2006.

THOMPSON RIVER LUMBER COMPANY
OF MONTANA, INC.

By 
Roger L. Claridge, President

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 6th day of October, 2006, the Comments of Thompson River Lumber Company of Montana, Inc. was sent to the following parties as shown:

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Jean Jewell

From: Tonya Clark
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2006 7:41 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness
Subject: FW: Cogeneration Plant in Thompson Falls

-----Original Message-----

From: yswolf@montana.com [mailto:yswolf@montana.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 05, 2006 1:39 PM
To: Tonya Clark
Subject: Cogeneration Plant in Thompson Falls

To: tclark@puc.state.id.us
Comments Re: Thompson River Cogen and Avista Utilities
Case #: AVU-E-05-07

To:
Commission Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0074
Fax: 208-334-3762

To the Idaho PUC:

Please oppose the purchase agreement between Avista Utilities and Thompson River Cogen.

1.) The operation of Thompson River Cogen will adversely affect the environment and public health in Thompson Falls. The plant will burn coal which will add to local mercury contamination - which has already caused fish consumption warnings to be issued for the local Noxon Reservoir. In addition, modeling indicates that ambient particulate pollution - associated with respiratory disease, heart disease and increased rates of death - will likely increase by 350 percent in the area.

2) The facility is not being welcomed by the local community. Every hearing and public meeting on the Thompson Falls Cogen has been packed with unhappy neighbors expressing their frustration with the process and the pollution from the facility. The promises of economic development and good jobs for the community have not been fulfilled - as most of the jobs associated with the operations of the plant went to trained operators brought in from out of state.

3) Thompson River Cogen has repeatedly demonstrated itself as a Bad Actor facility. It failed its first and only compliance source tests for SO2 and NOx - and has been issued nearly \$1 million in fines for violating environmental laws. TRC lost the backing to a significant loan issued by the Montana Board of Investment (BOI) when it was discovered that the Cogen had not secured all the necessary permits it was required to have to receive the loan. Thompson River Cogen still has not secured its water right for the facility, or its water discharge permit. TRC's air quality permit is also being appealed.

4) The community has little faith in the upper management of TRC. Barry Bates, a partner in TRC, has recently been indicted for federal tax fraud. TRC has been unwilling to pay local property taxes owed

to the county. Promises to the community have simply not been kept.

5) Earlier this year, Idaho's Governor Kempthorne passed a two-year moratorium on the building or permitting of any coal-fired power plants in the state of Idaho. Avista Utilities should not be sidestepping this moratorium by purchasing coal-fired power for use in Idaho that is generated just beyond the state's border.

Sincerely,

Jeff Smith
P.O. Box 7192
Missoula, MT 59807

Jean Jewell

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From: Tonya Clark
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2006 7:37 AM
To: Jean Jewell
Cc: Gene Fadness
Subject: FW: Comments Re: Case #: AVU-E-05-07, Thompson River Cogen and Avista Utilities

-----Original Message-----

From: N. S. Weaver [mailto:chip@shubes.net]
Sent: Friday, October 06, 2006 5:10 PM
To: Tonya Clark
Subject: Comments Re: Case #: AVU-E-05-07, Thompson River Cogen and Avista Utilities

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Case #: AVU-E-05-07

To:
Commission Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0074

To the Idaho PUC:

I am writing to suggest you proceed with great caution and care in considering the approval of the purchase agreement between Avista Utilities and Thompson River Cogen. Please take into account the following, which highlights some of the concerns shared by many of the local citizens.

1.) The operation of Thompson River Cogen will have serious and significant negative impacts on the community of Thompson Falls. The plant will burn predominantly coal in an area prone to valley inversions. Among other things, this will add to local mercury contamination - which has already caused fish consumption warnings to be issued for the local Noxon Reservoir. In addition, modeling indicates that ambient particulate pollution - associated with respiratory disease, heart disease and increased rates of death - will likely increase by 350% in the area.

According to the Thompson Falls newspaper, TRC touted that the local air quality would improve, once their plant becomes operational; it would replace the lumber mill's dated boilers. Based on information provided in the many versions of their air quality permit, the air quality will actually be much worse, even if TRC complies with the conditions of their air quality permit. And the reality is worse yet, since TRC has repeatedly violated the terms of their permits!

2) TRC was originally introduced to the community as a boon for economic development and significant new jobs for the local workforce. This was misleading, to say the least - most of the ultimately few jobs associated with the operations of the plant went to trained operators brought in from out of state.

While the existing jobs at the small local lumber mill are very important, this coal plant does not seem to be key in sustaining them. The concept of stabilizing the mill's energy costs is a good one, as is the

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concept of providing more jobs for locals. While these seemed to be original objectives of this project, it turns out that TRC does not effectively target these objectives after all!

Hearings and public meetings about TRC have been filled with concerned citizens expressing their frustration with the process, and with the proposed pollution that is the remaining significant impact to the area. The facility seems to present far more problems than solutions.

3) Thompson River Cogen has repeatedly demonstrated itself as a Bad Actor facility. It has been issued nearly \$2 million in fines for violating environmental laws. TRC lost the backing to a significant loan issued by the Montana Board of Investment (BOI) when it was discovered that TRC had not in fact secured all the necessary permits it was required to have to receive the loan. It appears that issues still remain unresolved with respect to the plant's appropriate water access and waste discharge. Also, TRC's air quality permit is being appealed.

In the newspapers, we can read that TRC claims to be committed to operating in full compliance. We can also read about the significant violations and fines. Does TRC understand what is actually required to operate legally?

TRC continues to establish for itself a poor track record in this community. Promises to the community have simply not been kept. TRC continues to appeal its property taxes. It is to the point where it is not surprising to read in the paper that Barry Bates, a partner in TRC, has recently been charged with failing to file federal income tax returns for five years.

4) Idaho's Governor Kempthorne has passed a two-year moratorium on the building or permitting of any coal-fired power plants in the state of Idaho. Avista Utilities should not be sidestepping this moratorium by purchasing coal-fired power for use in Idaho that is generated just beyond the state's border.

5) Finally, why should Idaho rate payers be paying a premium for the same power that would have been sold to Montana rate payers for less (under TRC's NorthWestern Energy contract)? "Higher rates," when necessary, should be facilitating something truly beneficial - such as the development of renewable, clean energy technology - not rewarding what looks to be a poorly planned/executed coal plant.

We appreciate the Idaho PUC's role in reviewing purchase agreements in Idaho and thank you for your serious consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Noel Weaver
PO Box 789
Thompson Falls, MT 59873

Jean Jewell

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From: Tonya Clark
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2006 7:36 AM
To: Jean Jewell
Cc: Gene Fadness
Subject: FW: one day late

-----Original Message-----

From: Lisa Hardiman [mailto:lisa-hardiman@bresnan.net]
Sent: Saturday, October 07, 2006 11:18 AM
To: Tonya Clark
Subject: one day late

Please accept this comment as it is one day late

To:
 Commission Secretary
 Idaho Public Utilities Commission
 P.O. Box 83720
 Boise, ID 83720-0074
 Fax: 208-334-3762

To the Idaho PUC:

I am writing to ask you to oppose the purchase agreement between Avista Utilities and Thompson River Cogen. There are many reasons why this agreement should not be approved:

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2) The facility is not being welcomed by the local community. Every hearing and public meeting on the Thompson Falls Cogen has been packed with unhappy neighbors expressing their frustration with the process and the pollution from the facility. The promises of economic development and good jobs for the community have not been fulfilled - as most of the jobs associated with the operations of the plant went to trained operators brought in from out of state.

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Sincerely,

Lisa Lotte Hardiman
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Great Falls, MT 59401

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Jean Jewell

From: jean polequaptewa [jeanpolequaptewa@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, October 06, 2006 6:58 AM
To: Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment

To:
Commission Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0074
Fax: 208-334-3762

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Sincerely,

Jean & Honani Polequaptewa
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From: fred fagan [tfl3686@blackfoot.net]
Sent: Friday, October 06, 2006 12:22 PM
To: Tonya Clark
Subject: TRC

It is my opinion that TRC is a big environmental mistake. The valley where TRC is located has winter time inversions that will concentrate all the emissions in this area and also in the Idaho panhandle. This would be the cost of a temporary cheaper electrical supply. The methyl mercury in the water/river system is already above the safe zone, and is going to get worse naturally due to the massive output from the wildlands fires. Why encourage a business to add to this problem?

Sincerely,
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tfl3686@blackfoot.net

Fred Fagan
Thompson Falls, Mt

Thank you for your time,
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Jean Jewell

From: Dewey Ross Duffel [duffel@blackfoot.net]
Sent: Friday, October 06, 2006 10:29 AM
To: Tonya Clark
Subject: Comments Re: Thompson River Cogen and Avista Utilities

To: Commission Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0074
Fax: 208-334-3762

Re: Thompson River Cogen and Avista Utilities
Case #: AVU-E-05-07

I am writing to ask you to carefully consider for rejection the proposal to purchase power from Avista Utilities which originate at Thompson River Cogen.

It is not in the best ecological or health interests of a small and poorly vented valley to have a coal fired plant.
I believe that Idaho PUD has serious concerns about buying electricity from coal fired plants.

The equipment in this plant is old and the startup procedures and equipment operation are still not finished to the satisfaction of Montana state regulators.

The management's history includes leading the local public to believe the plant would be "Green", that is that it would burn local sourced wood and after garnering limited public support for a wood fired boiler it instead applied for coal burning permits and has stated that does not intend to burn any wood for its heat source.

Thanking you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely yours;

Dewey Duffel
1480 Blue Slide Rd.
Thompson Falls, MT 59873-9410

My residence is located about 14 miles N.W. of Thompson River Cogen.
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Jean Jewell

From: Tonya Clark
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2006 7:28 AM
To: Jean Jewell
Cc: Gene Fadness
Subject: FW: Stop the purchase agreement

-----Original Message-----

From: Carl & Anna Herman [mailto:anamt@earthlink.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 05, 2006 1:26 PM
To: Tonya Clark
Subject: Stop the purchase agreement

The Thompson River is beautiful I don't want Avista Utilities to purchase energy from the Thompson River. It will cause to much polution . I'm tired of money being more important than the enviroment.
A Tax payer in Sanders County ,Mt
Marianne Herrmann

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From: Tonya Clark
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2006 7:28 AM
To: Jean Jewell
Cc: Gene Fadness
Subject: FW: Thompson River Cogen and Avista Utilities

-----Original Message-----

From: Becky Flint [mailto:stormannorman59@rockisland.com]
Sent: Friday, October 06, 2006 1:01 PM
To: Tonya Clark
Cc: dmeyer@avistacorp.com
Subject: Thompson River Cogen and Avista Utilities

To:
 Commission Secretary
 Idaho Public Utilities Commission
 P.O.Box 83720
 Boise, ID 83720-0074

I am writing to you to oppose the purchase agreement between Avista Utilities and Thompson River Cogen.

I am a home owner in Thompson Falls. It has been my experience and observation that the folks down at the Cogen Plant fail to recognize the value of honesty and integrity. They sold us a bill of goods to get their foot in the door and reneged on everything as well as misleading us about the hazards.

I understand that Avista owns the water rights. It appears that if Cogen manages to manipulate DNRC for water rights than it will be consuming water that would other wise be used by Avista who produces power via a cleaner method. This is a conflict of interest and practical sense.

The Cogen plant is built on top of an aquifer that supplies many families including ours with water. Currently there is no requirement for Cogen to line there waste ponds. Where is the logic in this? Please do not support this practice by purchasing their product.

Children inhale and exhale 2 to1 more than an adult. Our children in this community will be exposed to twice as much waste. The statistics are staggering as to the health impact . According to Eric Merchants at DEQ the fine Cogen received was extreme because their violation was very extreme and blatant. Eric said " Fines like theirs (Cogen) are rare and are not given out because they are doing things right. There is a reason they got their fine." Is this the kind of player you want on your team? Please help us protect our children as your Governor is trying to do for the people in Idaho by passing a moratorium on coal burning power plants.

It has been my experience that most people living in Thompson Falls have their plates full with day to day living. Only a small percentage have the time let alone the resources and comprehension to be a voice when and where it counts. Please understand that for every letter you receive there are many many more who are not afforded the luxury to be a voice.

I appreciate your position in reviewing purchase agreements and thank you for your time and consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Norman Flint

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From: Tonya Clark
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2006 7:27 AM
To: Jean Jewell
Cc: Gene Fadness
Subject: FW: Reject power purchase agreement with Thompson River Co-gen

-----Original Message-----

From: Anne Hedges [mailto:ahedges@meic.org]
Sent: Friday, October 06, 2006 12:41 PM
To: Tonya Clark
Cc: peter@richardsonandoleary.com; muda@doneylaw.com; dmeyer@avistacorp.com
Subject: Reject power purchase agreement with Thompson River Co-gen

October 6, 2006

Commission Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0074
Fax: 208-334-3762

The Montana Environmental Information Center is a nonprofit member supported organization dedicated to protecting and restoring Montana's natural environment. By connecting itself to Thompson River Co-gen (TRC), Avista will find itself faced with uncertainty in its baseload power supply. MEIC is urging you to oppose the purchase agreement.

TRC has a track record of violating the law, bait-and-switch tactics with regulators, and subsequent shut downs because of its failure to comply with regulatory requirements in an honest and straightforward manner.

TRC failed its first and only compliance source tests for SO2 and NOx. It has received a fine of nearly \$1 million for environmental violations. In Montana, this was one of the largest fines in the state's history. TRC lost the backing to a significant loan issued by the Montana Board of Investment (BOI) because it had not complied with the law. In addition, TRC still has not secured its water right or its water discharge permit. In addition, there is uncertainty over the air quality permit that the company has recently received. The BACT analysis was flawed and the permit is being appealed.

TRC is a bad actor. Difficulties seem to follow this company because of their poor attitude toward complying with the law. This will become nothing but an albatross around the neck of AVISTA and ratepayers in the area.

We urge you to take your role seriously and deny the purchase agreement. Protect Idaho consumers and the public health of those living downwind of this bad actor.

Sincerely,

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From: Tonya Clark
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2006 7:25 AM
To: Jean Jewell
Cc: Gene Fadness
Subject: FW: Thompson River Cogen and Avista Utilities Case #: AVU-E-05-07

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From: Jennifer Swearingen [mailto:parkside@bigsky.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 05, 2006 3:40 PM
To: Tonya Clark
Subject: Thompson River Cogen and Avista Utilities Case #: AVU-E-05-07

To:
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- 1.) The operation of Thompson River Cogen will have **serious environmental and public health impacts** to the community of Thompson Falls. The plant will burn predominantly coal which will add to local mercury contamination - which has already caused fish consumption warnings to be issued for the local Noxon Reservoir. In addition, modeling indicates that ambient particulate pollution - associated with respiratory disease, heart disease and increased rates of death - will likely increase by 350% in the area.
- 2) The **local community is overwhelmingly opposed** to the project. Every hearing and public meeting on the Thompson Falls Cogen has been packed with unhappy neighbors expressing their frustration with the process and the pollution from the facility. This plant was originally supposed to burn only biofuels-thinned trees from the local forests; the company used a bait-and-switch scheme to get permitted to burn coal. The local population has always opposed a coal-fired facility.
- 3) Thompson River Cogen has repeatedly demonstrated itself to be a **Bad Actor**. It failed its first and only compliance source tests for SO₂ and NO_x - and has been issued **nearly \$1 million in fines** for violating environmental laws. TRC lost the backing to a significant loan issued by the Montana Board of Investment (BOI) when it was discovered that the Cogen had not secured all the necessary permits it was required to have to receive the loan. Thompson River Cogen still has not secured its water right for the facility or its water discharge permit. TRC's air quality permit is also being appealed.
- 4) The community has no faith in the upper management of TRC. Barry Bates, a partner in TRC, has recently been **indicted for federal tax fraud**. TRC has been unwilling to pay local property taxes owed

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to the county. Promises to the community have not been kept.

5) Earlier this year, Idaho's Governor Kempthorne passed a two-year moratorium on the building or permitting of any coal-fired power plants in the state of Idaho. ***Avista Utilities should not be sidestepping this moratorium on coal generation by purchasing coal-fired power for use in Idaho that is generated just beyond the state's border.***

We appreciate the Idaho PUC's role in reviewing purchase agreements in Idaho and thank you for your serious consideration of these comments. Your agency should keep in mind that many thousands of Montanans have been opposing this irresponsible facility for several years running.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Swearingen
502 South 6th Avenue
Bozeman, MT 59715

*Wagon Aids
sent 10/11/06*

✓ To A-V

*✓ To Commus.
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Jean Jewell

From: Cheryl Reichert [reichert@sofast.net]
Sent: Friday, October 06, 2006 2:15 PM
To: Tonya Clark
Cc: muda@doneylaw.com; peter@richardsonandoleary.com
Subject: Thompson River Co-Gen

As a member of Women's Voices for the Earth, the Montana Environmental Information Center, and as one of the founders of our local Citizens for Clean Energy, I respectfully request that the Idaho Public Utility Commission avoid purchasing power from the Thompson Falls Co-Gen.

This power plant was initially "sold" to the Thompson Falls community with the understanding that it would be fueled by biomass, not coal. The operators of the plant have been repeatedly fined by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality for failure to meet the conditions of its air quality permit, and as a result the plant has been shuttered for much of its short life. There are compelling environmental reasons not to support this dirty coal plant with its third-world refurbished boiler. In addition, given the plant's unpredictable and unreliable operating history, it is quite likely that this plant will fail to provide a reliable source of electricity in the future.

The citizens of Montana congratulate Idaho on its forward looking citizenry and civic leaders. I have read newspaper accounts of your two year moratorium on coal plants for Idaho. We hope that Montana will follow in your footsteps, and your decision not to purchase this coal power will help take us down that path.

As I look out my window, I see the six 1.5 MW GE wind turbines that are already sending their power to Idaho's citizens. Thank you for helping to show us the way to a sustainable renewable energy future...

Sincerely yours,

Cheryl Reichert

Cheryl Reichert, M.D. , Ph.D.
Pathology and Biological Chemistry
51 Prospect Drive
Great Falls, MT 59405
406-727-1964

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Jean Jewell

✓ Men Hake sent 10/11/06 *✓ To HV* *✓ To Comm*
From: Christopher Hormel [jchormel@mindspring.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 05, 2006 6:45 PM
To: Tonya Clark
Subject: Thompson River Cogen and Avista Utilities; Case #: AVU-E-05-07

Commission Secretary
 Idaho Public Utilities Commission
 P.O. Box 83720
 Boise, ID 83720-0074
 Fax: 208-334-3762

To the Idaho PUC:

As an Idaho citizen, I am writing to ask you to oppose the purchase agreement between Avista Utilities and Thompson River Cogen for the following reasons:

- 1) This year, Idaho's Governor Kempthorne passed a two-year moratorium on the building or permitting of any coal-fired power plants in the state of Idaho. Idaho is saying no to coal-fired power. Avista Utilities should not be allowed to sidestep this moratorium by purchasing coal-fired power for use in Idaho that is generated just beyond the state's border.
- 2.) The operation of Thompson River Cogen will have serious and significant environmental and public health impacts. Although the plant is located in Montana, it is relatively near the border and will likely affect communities in Idaho as well. The plant will burn predominantly coal which will add to regional mercury contamination. In addition, modeling indicates that ambient particulate pollution - associated with respiratory disease, heart disease and increased rates of death - will likely increase by 350% in the area.
- 3) We understand that this facility is not being welcomed by the local community. If it was in my backyard, I wouldn't want it either. The promises of economic development and good jobs for the community have not been fulfilled. Thompson River Cogen has already been issued hundreds of thousands of dollars in environmental fines by the Montana DEQ. It had not secured all of the environmental permits that it needs. In short, this facility is a bad actor.

We appreciate the Idaho PUC's role in reviewing purchase agreements in Idaho and thank you for your serious consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,
 Jay Hormel

*P.O. Box 153
 Bliss, ID 83314)
 208-352-4234*

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✓ *John Hite*
sent 10/11/06

✓ *To A.V.*

✓ *To Commes*
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Jean Jewell

From: D. and R. Rockafellow [docroc@avicom.net]
Sent: Sunday, October 08, 2006 8:49 PM
To: Tonya Clark
Subject: Thompson Falls...

Please stop the purchase agreement which would allow the highly polluting Thompson River Cogen coal plant to operate. Sorry I missed the deadline, but hope you will count my comments.

Rachel Rockafellow
1202 S. Spruce Drive
Bozeman, MT 59715

✓ Jen Hill sent 10/11/06

✓ To AV.

✓ To Commis. § 11

Jean Jewell

From: Danielle Golie [golied@co.hill.mt.us]
Sent: Friday, October 06, 2006 3:25 PM
To: Tonya Clark
Cc: peter@richardsonandoleary.com; muda@doneylaw.com; dmeyer@avistacorp.com
Subject: Thompson River Cogen and Avista Utilities Case #: AVU-E-05-07

To:

Commission Secretary

Idaho Public Utilities Commission

P.O. Box 83720

Boise, ID 83720-0074

Fax: 208-334-3762

To the Idaho PUC:

I am writing to ask you to oppose the purchase agreement between Avista Utilities and Thompson River Cogen. There are many reasons why this agreement should not be approved:

1.) The operation of Thompson River Cogen will have serious and significant environmental and public health impacts to the community of Thompson Falls. The plant will burn predominantly coal which will add to local mercury contamination - which has already caused fish consumption warnings to be issued for the local Noxon Reservoir.

In addition, modeling indicates that ambient particulate pollution - associated with respiratory disease, heart disease and increased rates of death - will likely increase by 350% in the area.

2) The facility is not being welcomed by the local community. Every hearing and public meeting on the Thompson Falls Cogen has been packed with unhappy neighbors expressing their frustration with the process and the pollution from the facility. The promises of economic development and good jobs for the community have not been fulfilled - as most of the jobs associated with the operations of the plant went to trained operators brought in from out of state.

3) Thompson River Cogen has repeatedly demonstrated itself as a Bad Actor facility. It failed its first and only compliance source tests for SO2 and NOx - and has been issued nearly \$1 million in fines for violating environmental laws. TRC lost the backing to a significant loan issued by the Montana Board of Investment (BOI) when it was discovered that the Cogen had not secured all the necessary permits it was required to have to receive the loan. Thompson River Cogen still has not secured its water right for the facility, or its water discharge permit. TRC's air quality permit is also being appealed.

4) The community has little faith in the upper management of TRC.

Barry Bates, a partner in TRC, has recently been indicted for federal tax fraud. TRC has been unwilling to pay local property taxes owed to the county. Promises to the community have simply not been kept.

5) Earlier this year, Idaho's Governor Kempthorne passed a two-year moratorium on the building or permitting of any coal-fired power plants in the state of Idaho. Avista Utilities should not be sidestepping this moratorium by purchasing coal-fired power for use in Idaho that is generated just beyond the state's border.

We appreciate the Idaho PUC's role in reviewing purchase agreements in Idaho and thank you for your serious consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Danielle Golie RN

Danielle Golie RN, CLC

**Hill County Health Dept.
302 4th Ave
Havre, Mt. 59501
406-265-5481 ext 266**

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Jean Jewell

From: Doreen Stokes [herbs@blackfoot.net]
Sent: Friday, October 06, 2006 10:15 AM
To: Tonya Clark
Subject: Thompson River CoGen

To The Idaho PUC,

I am writing to convince you to oppose the purchase agreement between Avista Utilities and Thompson River Cogen.

Firstly, this Cogen plant was built on false pretenses. The local people were not made aware of the fact that they originally intended to use coal instead of wood biomass to create the energy. After numerous local meetings with multitudes of people opposing the plant, it was opened anyway.

This plant will pollute and in this day and age we all know for a fact that mercury contamination is very bad for the health of both the environment and every living thing in it including man. How can you justify purchasing coal-fired power from Montana when earlier this year Idaho's governor Kempthorne passed a two year moratorium on the building or permitting of any coal fired power plants in the state of Idaho?

Secondly, this facility is not welcomed by this community. Thompson River Cogen has failed its first and only compliance tests for SO2 and NOx and has been issued nearly 1 million in fines for violating environmental laws. They lost the backing of a significant loan issued by the Montana Board of Investment when it was discovered that they did not have all the necessary permits in order. This facility still has not secured its water right or its water discharge permit. The air quality permit is also being appealed.

Thirdly, the upper management of TRC Barry Bates, a partner has recently been indicted for federal tax fraud. TRC has also been unwilling to pay local property taxes owed to Sanders County.

Now, I ask you, is this the kind of company you want to do business with. This is an accident waiting to happen and just plain bad business.

Thank you for your careful and serious consideration of these facts.

Sincerely,

Doreen Stokes
39 Eagle Valley Lane
Plains, Mt. 59859

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sent 10/11/06

✓ To AV.

✓ To Commes.
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Jean Jewell

From: hterrell@montana.com
Sent: Thursday, October 05, 2006 4:20 PM
To: Tonya Clark
Subject: purchase agreement

To: tclark@puc.state.id.us
Comments Re: Thompson River Cogen and Avista Utilities
Case #: AVU-E-05-07

Commission Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0074
Fax: 208-334-3762

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- 2) The facility is not being welcomed by the local community. Every hearing and public meeting on the Thompson Falls Cogen has been packed with unhappy neighbors expressing their frustration with the process and the pollution from the facility. The promises of economic development and good jobs for the community have not been fulfilled - as most of the jobs associated with the operations of the plant went to trained operators brought in from out of state.
- 3) Thompson River Cogen has repeatedly demonstrated itself as a Bad Actor facility. It failed its first and only compliance source tests for SO2 and NOx - and has been issued nearly \$1 million in fines for violating environmental laws. TRC lost the backing to a significant loan issued by the Montana Board of Investment (BOI) when it was discovered that the Cogen had not secured all the necessary permits it was required to have to receive the loan. Thompson River Cogen still has not secured its water right for the facility, or its water discharge permit. TRC's air quality permit is also being appealed.
- 4) The community has little faith in the upper management of TRC. Barry Bates, a partner in TRC, has recently been indicted for federal tax fraud. TRC has been unwilling to pay local property taxes owed to the county. Promises to the community have simply not been kept.
- 5) Earlier this year, Idaho's Governor Kempthorne passed a two-year moratorium on the building or permitting of any coal-fired power plants in the state of Idaho. Avista Utilities should not be sidestepping this moratorium by purchasing coal-fired power for use in Idaho that is generated just beyond the state's border.

We appreciate the Idaho PUC's role in reviewing purchase agreements in Idaho and thank you for your serious consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Heather Terrill
Missoula, MT

✓ Gen Note
sent 10/11/06

✓ To A.V.

✓ To Commis
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Jean Jewell

From: ja_ferguson@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, October 05, 2006 2:39 PM
To: Tonya Clark
Subject: Thompson River Cogen

To Whom It May Concern:

I am opposed to an agreement by Avista Utilities to purchase power from Thompson River Cogen. The local and global environmental costs of power produced by this plant are too high. I support the development and use of alternative sources of energy in Montana and in Idaho.

Jenny Ferguson
Missoula, Montana

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✓ Ken Ack
sent 10/11/06

✓ To A.V.

✓ To Commis.
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Jean Jewell

From: Jessica Ruehrwein [jessica.ruehrwein@sierraclub.org]
Sent: Thursday, October 05, 2006 1:34 PM
To: Tonya Clark
Cc: JRuehrwein@thesca.org
Subject: Comments Re: Thompson River Cogen and Avista Utilities Case #: AVU-E-05-07

Commission Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0074
Fax: 208-334-3762

Attn: Idaho PUC:

We are writing as Idaho citizens asking you to oppose the purchase agreement between Avista Utilities and Thompson River Cogen. Our Governor took a needed step in passing a two-year moratorium on the building or permitting of any coal-fired power plants in the state of Idaho. Purchasing coal-fired power from across the states' border should not be permitted and does not support Idaho's current stance on coal-fired power.

This plant could also affect both communities in Montana and Idaho and have serious environmental and health impacts. Mercury contamination is a concern, as well as air quality and pollution.

As previous residents of Trout Creek, Montana -- which is located just outside of Thompson Falls - we do not believe this facility would be welcomed. Thompson River Cogen does not have a track record of caring for the land. Jobs and economic development are not worth long term degradation to the community and the environment. We must make decisions now for our families and our future.

We thank you for reviewing purchase agreements in Idaho and appreciate your consideration in this matter that knows no state boundaries.

Sincerely,
Jessica and Joey Ruehrwein

Jessica Ruehrwein
910 Main Street, Suite 233
Boise, Idaho 83702
O: 208/384-1023
C: 208/866-6322
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How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.
-- Anne Frank

Neighbors Protecting Idaho...vote NO on Proposition 2

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Jean Jewell

✓ Ken Ack sent 10/11/06 *✓ To AV.* *✓ To Comm. § H*

From: Kerrie Byrne [kerriebyrne@centurytel.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 05, 2006 8:06 PM
To: Tonya Clark
Subject: Avista - TR Cogen

Greetings,

I am having heart surgery tomorrow, so I am not taking the time to write my own letter. However, I agree with every word.

I oppose the purchase agreement between Avista Utilities and Thompson River Cogen. There are many reasons why this agreement should not be approved:

1.) The operation of Thompson River Cogen will have serious and significant environmental and public health impacts to the community of Thompson Falls. The plant will burn predominantly coal which will add to local mercury contamination - which has already caused fish consumption warnings to be issued for the local Noxon Reservoir. In addition, modeling indicates that ambient particulate pollution -

associated with respiratory disease, heart disease and increased rates of death - will likely increase by 350% in the area.

2) The facility is not being welcomed by the local community. Every hearing and public meeting on the Thompson Falls Cogen has been packed with unhappy neighbors expressing their frustration with the process and the pollution from the facility. The promises of economic development and good jobs for the community have not been fulfilled - as most of the jobs associated with the operations of the plant went to trained operators brought in from out of state.

3) Thompson River Cogen has repeatedly demonstrated itself as a Bad Actor facility. It failed its first and only compliance source tests for SO₂ and NO_x - and has been issued nearly \$1 million in fines for violating environmental laws. TRC lost the backing to a significant loan issued by the Montana Board of Investment (BOI) when it was discovered that the Cogen had not secured all the necessary permits it was required to have to receive the loan. Thompson River Cogen still has not secured its water right for the facility, or its water discharge permit. TRC's air quality permit is also being appealed.

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5) Earlier this year, Idaho's Governor Kempthorne passed a two-year moratorium on the building or permitting of any coal-fired power plants in the state of Idaho. Avista Utilities should not be sidestepping this moratorium by purchasing coal-fired power for use in Idaho that is generated just beyond the state's border.

We appreciate the Idaho PUC's role in reviewing purchase agreements in Idaho and thank you for your serious consideration of these comments.

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Sincerely,

Kerrie Byrne
PO Box 4471
Whitefish, MT 59937

✓ Ken Ake
sent 10/11/06

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Jean Jewell

From: Neil Taylor [neiltaylor@bresnan.net]
Sent: Friday, October 06, 2006 8:50 PM
To: Tonya Clark
Subject: Purchase Agreement with Thompson River Project

To:
Commission Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0074
Fax: 208-334-3762

To the Idaho PUC:

I am writing to ask you to oppose the purchase agreement between Avista Utilities and Thompson River Cogen. There are many reasons why this agreement should not be approved:

- 1.) The operation of Thompson River Cogen will have serious and significant environmental and public health impacts to the community of Thompson Falls. The plant will burn predominantly coal which will add to local mercury contamination - which has already caused fish consumption warnings to be issued for the local Noxon Reservoir. In addition, modeling indicates that ambient particulate pollution - associated with respiratory disease, heart disease and increased rates of death - will likely increase by 350% in the area.
- 2) The facility is not being welcomed by the local community. Every hearing and public meeting on the Thompson Falls Cogen has been packed with unhappy neighbors expressing their frustration with the process and the pollution from the facility. The promises of economic development and good jobs for the community have not been fulfilled - as most of the jobs associated with the operations of the plant went to trained operators brought in from out of state.
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- 5) Earlier this year, Idaho's Governor Kempthorne passed a two-year moratorium on the building or permitting of any coal-fired power plants in the state of Idaho. Avista Utilities should not be sidestepping this moratorium by purchasing coal-fired power for use in Idaho that is generated just beyond the state's border.

We appreciate the Idaho PUC's role in reviewing purchase agreements

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in Idaho and thank you for your serious consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Neil J. Taylor
3417 4th Ave south
Great Falls, MT 59405

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sent 10/11/06

✓ To AV.

✓ To Commis.
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Jean Jewell

From: Patrick Leonard and Toddy Perryman [patandtoddy3752@logonfrog.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 05, 2006 10:57 PM
To: Tonya Clark
Cc: peter@richardsonandoleary.com; muda@doneylaw.com
Subject: Avista Util. purch. agreement

We are writing to comment on Avista Utilities' agreement to purchase energy from Thompson River Cogen in Thompson Falls, MT.

We are opposed to this purchase agreement because it would allow the highly polluting Thompson River Cogen coal plant to operate.

There are many other ways of generating electricity which are far cleaner for the environment. Coal burning should be the last choice, as it puts large amounts of toxic materials into the air, particularly if the plant is not outfitted with the latest (and also expensive) technology.

There has been a lot of talk about the need to 'sequester' carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases. The very best technique for sequestering carbon is to not burn it in the first place. Leave coal sequestered in the ground, just as it has been for millenia. This is the safest way. And the cleanest.

Sincerely,
Toddy Perryman and Patrick Leonard

✓ Men Ask
sent 10/11/06

✓ To AV.

✓ To Commis.
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Jean Jewell

From: Penny Beckman [pbeckman@blackfoot.net]
Sent: Friday, October 06, 2006 9:07 AM
To: Tonya Clark
Subject: Tfalls toxic enough for children

I am concerned for the health and safety of our young children. Thompson Falls is toxic enough, without allowing the Cogen coal plant to release more toxins to our community.

Hence, another reason I moved away from Colstrip!!!!

Penny Beckman

✓ Sen Hake
sent 10/11/06

✓ To A.V.

✓ To Comm
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Jean Jewell

From: Starshine [dr.starshine@bresnan.net]
Sent: Friday, October 06, 2006 10:09 AM
To: Tonya Clark
Subject: Thompson River Cogen Coal Plant

The Montana Constitution requires that our air and water remain pure enough to drink
Starshine

406-453-8989

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is accepting public comment on
Avista Utilities agreement to purchase energy from Thompson River
Cogen in Thompson Falls, MT. We need your voices to help stop the
purchase agreement which would allow the highly polluting Thompson
River Cogen coal plant to operate. Please send your comments to the
PUC letting them know you do not want this purchase agreement to be
approved.

Truth is not only violated by falsehood; it may be outraged by silence.

~Henri Frederic Amiel, Swiss Philosopher 1821-1881

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sent 10/11/06

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✓ To Commis
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Jean Jewell

From: wwranch@3rivers.net
Sent: Friday, October 06, 2006 10:57 AM
To: Tonya Clark
Subject: Thompson River Congen

To the IDAHO PUC:

I would ask that the PUC please reconsider purchasing energy from the Thompson Falls community as it will contribute to local health problems and of course, increase greenhouse gas emissions in Montana and our planet.

We in Montana applaud your state's courage to enact a moratorium on coal plants and we'd encourage your governor to talk with Governor Schweitzer and ask him to focus on investing in wind now, NOT chase coal companies across Montana, so Idaho and the USA can benefit from Montana's abundance of wind.

Richard Liebert
EDEN RR
Great Falls, MT 59405