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Name of Utility Company: Avista
Comment: Proposed Merger With Hydro-One:

I believe the proposed merger between Avista Corp and Hydro-One is a real bad idea. Mostly because those of us who live in the states of Idaho/Wash. involved with this merger, will suffer the most. Not only because a foreign company will now be calling the shots, but also when relations between the two countries, Canada & the USA, fail, we will be held hostage.

History will surely repeat itself here. For example when we decided to stop Canada from shipping so much of their lumber to the United States, they retaliated.

Which brings me to another point. We waited too long before having the lumber embargo placed on Canada, due to the fact that there does not seem to be any regulatory agencies who watch it carefully enough.

Lastly, when one company buys another company out, they always make statements such as "nothing will change, everything will stay the same" but it never does. If they say they will give us a reduction in cost of electricity/gas, this most likely will result in higher costs to their customers.

I respectfully request the State of Idaho Public Utilities Commission NOT to approve this merger.

Thank You,

Lila Tatum

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