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David Meyer
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Ladies and Gentleman:

This is in regards to the Order # 33437@5 or the 3 year trial approval of the "Fixed Cost Adjustment," (FCA) Mechanism that went into effect 1/1/2016.

As I did in 2015, I am writing this as a regular ratepayer and will restate my opposition in this matter.

As I understand it, the FCA is meant to guarantee a certain level of income to AVISTA, (now with "HydroOne") no matter how much or little service is provided to it's customers.

Here is an example of what this program sounds like to me. An employee who if work is slow for a particular period of time, working less than 40 hours, that his or her employer will still pay him as if he worked the full 40.

Another example would be a clothing store. You buy a pair of jeans for \$40, but at check out, the cashier adds an extra \$5 because business has been slow because they want to maintain their income level.

What other business besides a monopoly like AVISTA could get away with an FCA charge? Of course, a monopoly such as AVISTA, who is the sole supplier of power in

northern Idaho. (Except Northern Lights and isn't available in Sandpoint where I live.

Perhaps because of FCA, my winter power bills have been dramatically higher than ever. My income hasn't budged in over 3 years.

The "mechanism" which was scheduled to expire on 1/1/2019 is now proposed to go until 1/1/20. And if their habits are followed such as with their annual rate increase requests, they'll ask next year for another extension until 2021, and so on. This is addressed in writing on page 2 of the notice I received from the IPUC which states:

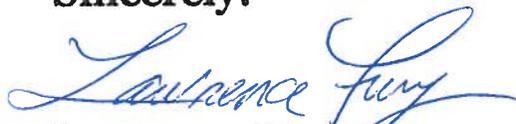
"The Parties agree to an initial FCA term of 4 years, with a review of how the mechanisms have functioned conducted by AVISTA, Staff and other interested parties following the end of the third full year. AVISTA may seek to extend the term of the mechanism prior to its expiration." In other words, then can and likely will request to extend FCA in perpetuity.

Then there is the "HydroOne" issue. Will their policy mimic the old AVISTA one?

Bottom-line, this FCA issue is anti-capitalism. Charging for what you don't provide in a free and open market, while taking advantage of their monopoly. Their "decoupling mechanism to better sync the review of the program in Washington state should have no bearing on Idaho.

Please reject his request, at least until the HydroOne issue is settled and defend the hard working people of Idaho.

Sincerely:



Lawrence Fury
Sandpoint, Idaho

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I am writing to express my concern about the proposed sale of AVISTA public utility to the Canadian firm HydroOne.

This will not benefit the citizens of North Idaho and Eastern Washington. Losing control of this utility to Canada will affect the security of our power supply and could affect the rates now paid by the users of this energy supply in our state.

Canada will be free to sell AVISTA to any foreign government and will be free to increase our rates to cover the expenses of HydroOne as they switch to alternative sources of energy.

Please stop the sale of AVISTA.

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Diane Holt

From: sales@alertmicro.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 2, 2018 7:08 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Don Thompson

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Name of Utility Company: Avista HydroOne

Comment: Please do not allow the proposed take over of Avista by the Canadian firm Hydro One. As a customer of Avista, knowing how difficult it is to have any affect or impact on anything they do, knowing how difficult it is to have any affect or impact on anything the Idaho PUC does, and most importantly knowing that there is less chance of affecting or impacting what a Canadian firm does, Please do not allow this take over/merger to take place.

What happens when a Chinese billionaire decides he wants to own Hydro One? What happens when any other foreign country or investor decides they want to materially affect how Hydro One operates? What power can the Idaho PUC exercise over any Canadian company?

I'd say I'll loose through increased utility rates. First because of the merger cost, then because of less accountability from a foreign firm. It looks like Avista shareholders will benefit, but not consumers like myself.

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Diane Holt

From: janet koca <janetkoca@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 2, 2018 11:16 AM
To: Diane Holt
Subject: sale of Avista

I am against the sale of Avista to a company under the laws of another country.

R. Koca, Rathdrum, Idaho, Avista customer.

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Diane Holt

From: Bob Granger <bigbob442000@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 2, 2018 10:09 AM
To: Diane Holt
Subject: Avista sale

Giving control of any utilities to a foreign country is a big mistake. Rates can rise and we will have no control over the rise or any costly changes that may be required by the foreign entity. Please do not allow this sale to go through.
Sent from my iPad

Diane Holt

CASE NOS. - AVU-E-17-09 and AVU-6-17-05

From: tlitchfield@roadrunner.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 2, 2018 9:30 PM
To: Diane Holt
Subject: Avista Sale

To whom it may concern;

This is to notify you of my deep concern over the pending sale of Avista to HydroOne. Maintaining Avista as a United States business entity is a matter of National security, and this merger should not be allowed to take place.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this important matter.

Terrence Litchfield
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