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Please do not approve the proposed Avista-Hydro One merger.

A company outside the United States should not be allowed to buy a US public utility company.

We would not have any say over how it is run; what rates would be charged; what would happen in case of a blackout.

The United States should maintain control of our own utilities, not an outside company.

Thank you.

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Subject: Avista and HydroOne

To Whom It May Concern:

We strongly oppose the sale of one of America's energy companies to a foreign-owned corporation in a foreign country. The ability to own and control our nation's energy companies whether electrical, dams, or natural gas should never be allowed. We stand to lose control and ownership of 12 hydroelectric dams and the loss of reliable, safe thermal power provided by Colstrip 3 & 4 units.

There are a number of troubling reasons why this sale should not be allowed to go forward:

- **Lowest rate to highest rate** in N. America - Avista customers currently enjoy some of the lowest kwhr rates in the country (approx. 7.89/kwhr) while Ontario's customers are suffering from unbearably high rates – in 2015 Hydro One had the highest electric rates in North America at 29.9/kwhr – a rate that has increased steadily to 52.0/kwhr in 2018. Ontario electricity rates have risen so high that it's driving some customers to go off-grid or close businesses, and some families must choose between eating and heating. In 2016 HydroOne disconnected 60,000 customers for their inability to pay.
- **Global Adjustment charge** - In addition to Ontario's exorbitant charge for electricity an additional fee is being added on – a fee which goes to shutting down coal plants and adding and building renewables.
- **Mismanagement** - Hydro One overcharges, is unresponsive to complaints, has deteriorating systems that are the least reliable in Canada, has maintenance shortfalls, and long lasting power outages.
- **Controlled by Provincial government** – being a socialist progressive country and a member of the U.N.'s Paris Accord on Climate Change, Canada's HydroOne can and will charge American ratepayers exorbitant prices for their "green policies" and green-mandated energy laws.
- **Renewables** - HydroOne is switching to unaffordable, expensive and unreliable windmills and solar, both requiring labor intensive maintenance for correct operation. Hydro One will likely bring wind turbines here as they have done in Ontario where they are hated. Ontario has 6,736 wind turbines that cover an area of 1,320,000 acres, more than 2,060 square miles. It has been proven that wind turbines cannot be a primary energy producer. They utilize huge areas of land, are expensive to build and maintain, are a major killer of bird and bat populations, negatively affect property values, and are generally hated by neighbors, many of whom suffer from related health problems. In Ontario 90 townships and counties have already passed resolutions that they are "not willing host communities" for wind turbines.

The Province of Ontario has mandated the outlay of the turbines without regard to public opinion – this could happen here next.

- **Control** – Ontario government will control Avista’s Board of Directors, decision-making and rate-setting. Due to international trade agreements Canada can later sell HydroOne to China or any country. There will be questions of HydroOne stock ownership and control they wield. We will be handing our local control over to Ontario’s progressive, socialist government and be subject to their climate law (CCAP).
- **Ontario’s Climate Change Action Plan** – Ontario’s 5-year CCAP 2016-2020 includes: raise electric rates, close coal plants and build wind farms. Round 2 begins with cap and trade and raising electric rates even higher. The 5-year plan approved in 2016, along with its 80 regulations and subsidies, was described by the Fraser Institute as “extraordinarily inefficient and expensive strategies to reduce carbon emissions.” The plan calls for customers, including Hydro One, and perhaps Avista customers, to pay from \$18 to \$157 (Canadian dollars) in monthly utility charges starting in 2020 to fight the non-existent climate change.
- **Carbon Cap & Trade** - Ontario utilities can use carbon credit cap and trade to meet their impossible Carbon reduction standards. That Ontario plan mandates an 80 percent emissions reduction in three decades, which reveals Hydro One’s interest in Avista: that’s Avista’s 887 megawatts at seven hydroelectric generating plants near Spokane. Avista’s hydro is sacrificed to satisfy Hydro One’s 2020 target under Ontario’s CCAP. This should not be allowed – our state’s irreplaceable dams are a treasure to our citizens. Hydropower is the safest and cleanest energy producer on the planet.

The sale of Avista to Hydro One is not in the best interests of U.S. citizens and state ratepayers like us. A progressive country may want to implement policies that are not consistent with those we believe are in our best interest. Say no, please.

This sale would affect four states including Idaho. The sale should not be approved.

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ATTN: Diane Holt

Dear Ms. Holt,

As a resident of the Great State of Idaho, an Idaho taxpayer, Idaho Utility user, and a US Veteran of the Vietnam War I would like to voice my grave concerns with the proposed sale of Avista to a foreign nation's (Canada) utility provider - Hydro One.

In general terms this deal should never be considered since it proposes to give our utilities and electrical energy control to a foreign nation. We own this utility and it product (electricity) now and must protect it at all costs. We would never sell our nuclear energy to Iran would we? We would not sell our Air-Force to Brazil would we? Yet electricity, along with water, is our most precious commodity of the future.

This proposed sale is beneficial to a very few Americans, a significant danger to the majority of Americans (in Avista's service area), and a national asset in our National Defense Arena! Yet, this proposed sale is critical, with survival consequences to Hydro One. Their short term survival is hitched to this one sided proposal! By 2021 Canada, May be in International crisis, and millions of Canadians without electricity. Canada's electrical survival may depend upon this deal!

Since Canada signed the UN's Paris Accord on climate change, Canada is faced with dire consequences of meeting their agreed upon standards by 2020. Canada has inadequate renewal sources for its electricity. Windmills don't work, short out when high demand occurs, too few dams generating electricity, and are faced with a great dependence on coal, petroleum, and fossil fuels. These three sources are outlawed by the Accord, and fall under the Cap & Trade penalties of the Green House regulations. Penalties for non-compliance for Paris Accord Signees will start at the \$8 Billion plus level and continue. Hydro One must take drastic measures to try and meet agreed upon compliance levels.

Since Canada's utility structure is based on the US's Paris Accord Climate Control issues Hydro One can charge us Americans taxpayers exorbitant prices under their green mandated energy laws. We would then have no say since our utilities are no

longer under US laws and is without competition for this required energy. Canada's Hydro One is mostly dependent upon windmill and solar power; both require extensive maintenance and keep-up. This type power is unreliable and not as efficient as our present hydroelectric generating dams here in the area serviced by Avista in the US. We as rate-payers and taxpayers and US citizens are requesting that the sale not be approved by the Public Utilities Commission of Idaho and turn down Avista's request for to sale!

Since all public utilities are a monopoly, any foreign country wanting to make a purchase in the USA should be refused under our government regulation since we automatically lose control of any changes they may make.

We have been told that the only one that this sale would benefit greatly is Avista's Corporate board officials. The Avista Lawyer, present at the Coeur d' Alene presentation, stated that each member of the Avista Utilities Board would not receive \$10 million signing bonus, but would receive a \$15million dollar bonus if this sale goes through. Also, the Avista Board would remain the same.

Canada our neighbor is still considered a foreign government, and out associations are mostly on friendly terms, things could change at any time. Hydro One has changed the cost of its' rates for Canadian customers from \$.05.8 cents per Kw hour to \$ 3.58 per Kw hour during the past 2 years. The proposed sales contract states that the US prices would remain the same for the next two years until 2020. At that time the rates could be adjusted to Hydro One's costs. The result of Hydro One's rate changes in Canada have forced over 300,000 Canadians to drop their electrify hook-ups and resulted in those Canadians to be totally without power due to the greatly increased rates. This rate increase is over 6100%! No wonder Canadians cannot afford electricity! WE want to protect US Citizens and taxpayers!

We are asking that the Idaho Public Utilities Commission take our request and plea to refuse to approve this sale to Hydro One, and turn down the Avista request.

Save our taxpayers and citizens from foreign takeover.

Respectfully submitted,



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We do not use a Computer therefore I write this letter to express my and my wife's strong objection to Hydro One acquiring the Arista Corp. We are both in our nineties and have lived in Idaho for almost 50 years. Washington Water Bureau (later Arista) served us many years very efficiently - I see no benefit what so ever for the North West customers from this acquisition. as the old adage goes - "If it ain't broke, don't try to fix it."

Sincerely -

Bertram W Mc Cauley