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RE: Sale of Avista Corporation to Hydro One Limited

Dear Idaho Public Utilities Commission:

I urge you to vote against the proposed merger of Avista Corporation (Avista) and Hydro One Limited (Hydro One), a Canadian government held company.

I am a 20-year resident of Bonner County, Idaho and have been a customer of Avista and its predecessor, Washington Water Power for all of that time. During, Avista's rates have steadily rose, many times with no real justification provided to its customers as to why. I believe Avista overall has done a good job of being a utility and being customer focused and I attribute this to its corporate headquarters and customer base being located in the Inland Northwest under United States courts, regulations, culture and economic strength. I believe we as customers would suffer if a Canadian company with different values, morals, financial pressures, currency and culture were allowed to control decisions made at Avista. Furthermore, I believe the ridiculous bonus being paid to Avista's CEO sets bad precedence with Avista customers.

As a professional aquatic scientist with 30 years of fisheries and water quality experience all over the US and particularly in the Pacific NW, I am gravely concerned with the potential legal pressures and increased control Canada could now assert on our greatest resource in north Idaho and eastern Washington: water. If this sale were to be approved, the Canadian government, through the provincial government of Ontario (which holds a 49% interest in Hydro One) and through the provincial government of British Columbia will have a legitimate stranglehold on our waters. This could be done through the control of wasters entering the Clark Fork River via Avista's Noxon and Cabinet Gorge hydro facilities and via the Columbia River by the Columbia River Treaty. Losing control of our water would insure an ongoing crisis to all residents in North Idaho and eastern Washington. Idaho must stand strong and be a leader when it comes to protecting our water.

Lastly I believe Ontario's stance on coal use and Avista's reliance on coal creates a problem for this merger and for Avista rate payers. The United States sits on vast reserves of coal which must be utilized to keep power rates affordable. Green power such as wind and solar is very expensive and will never provide the stable grid our country relies upon. To allow a Canadian corporation to shut down our coal industry because of differing cultural attitudes and socialist government practices is wrong and bad for Idaho and Washington.

I urge the Idaho Public Utilities Commission to NOT approve this merger. Doing so I believe would be cause lasting negative impacts to Avista electrical rate payers and would be irresponsible to Idaho citizens.

Sincerely,

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