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Diane Holt

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From: m3bbenson@msn.com
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 3:43 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Brenda Benson

Name: Brenda Benson
Case Number: AVU-E-17-09/AVU-G-17-05
Email: m3bbenson@msn.com
Telephone: 208-667-6767
Address: 14150 s CarlinBay Road
Harrison Idaho, 83833

Name of Utility Company: Avista Utilities
Comment: NO to merger. No foreign ownership.

Unique Identifier: 174.216.12.236

Diane Holt

From: karenincda@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 3:27 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: karen Giddings

Name: karen Giddings
Case Number: AVU-G-17-05 *and AVU-E-17-09*
Email: karenincda@gmail.com
Telephone: 208-651-4190
Address: 1880 E Grandview Dr.
CDA ID, 83815

Name of Utility Company: Avista

Comment: I am completely against the sale of Avista to Hydro One. Why would we want to sell out to a Canadian Co. whos country opposes more equal trade with the States. We should be very worried about foreign control.

Unique Identifier: 98.146.167.31

Diane Holt

From: moniquehut@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 12:22 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Monique HUTCHINGS

Name: Monique HUTCHINGS

Case Number: AVU-E-17-09 *and AVU-G-17-05*

Email: moniquehut@gmail.com

Telephone: 208-627-7969

Address: 470873 Highway 95

Sagle id, 83860

Name of Utility Company: Avista

Comment: I am completely against selling our dams, utilities and water rights to foreign countries. This is not only a violation of Federal laws but our Idaho state laws as well.

Unique Identifier: 24.49.176.124

Diane Holt

From: rdbohna@frontier.com
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 1:37 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Robin Bohna

Name: Robin Bohna

Case Number: AVU-E-17-09 *and AVU-G-17-05*

Email: rdbohna@frontier.com

Telephone: 2086645662

Address: 2415 S. Wolf Lodge Creek Road
Coeur d Alene ID, 83814

Name of Utility Company: Avista

Comment: I strongly oppose this proposed merger. Our utility infrastructure is crucial to our sovereignty and defense. It should never fall under foreign control in any way, shape or manner. I urge the members of the Public Utility Commission to reject this merger and maintain Avista as a United States company under control by United States citizens.

Unique Identifier: 172.76.96.117

Diane Holt

From: teresa.richardson.1956@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 1:40 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Teresa Richardson

Name: Teresa Richardson
Case Number: AVU-E-17-09 *and AVU-G-17-05*
Email: teresa.richardson.1956@gmail.com
Telephone: 2089641973
Address: 7915 Kayak Court
Rathdrum ID, 83858

Name of Utility Company: Avista

Comment: I do not believe it is in the best interest of Idaho residents to have their utility company owned, run or be managed by a foreign entity. Please do NOT allow the purchase of Avista by Canadian HydorOne. Thank you

Unique Identifier: 98.146.179.88

Diane Holt

From: bluelake@roadrunner.com
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 11:41 AM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Michael Neher

Name: Michael Neher

Case Number: AVU-E-17-09 *and AVU-G-17-05*

Email: bluelake@roadrunner.com

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Address:

Dalton Gardens ID, 83815

Name of Utility Company: Avista Utilities

Comment: June 15, 2018

Re: Case AVU-E-17-09

Case AVU-G-17-05

As an Avista natural gas and electricity customer, I am OPPOSED to the merger of Avista Utilities with Hydro One Limited. The reasons have been well stated by others at the June 14, 2018 public hearing in Coeur d'Alene. In addition those reasons stated by others for the record, I submit the following:

1. Hydro One's could seek to acquire Idaho Power and other Idaho utilities, further wresting control of Idaho's commerce. Hydro One has stated publicly that Avista is just the first such acquisition. Even though Avista serves gas and power customers in northern Idaho, there is every reason to fear that electric utilities in the rest of Idaho, including Idaho Power, could be a future target. The accumulation of U.S. critical infrastructure by a foreign, quasi-governmental entity is most disturbing as it takes away the control of this most basic and critical need away from the citizens of Idaho.

According to a November 21, 2017 article in the Globe and Mail, "Hydro One Ltd.'s \$3.4-billion (U.S.) deal to purchase Avista Corp. is just the beginning of a strategy that will see the Canadian utility expand into the U.S. market." ... Mayo Schmidt, CEO of Hydro One, stated "There are quite a number of organizations of the same size and complexity of Avista in the arena that, as we think about over the course of the next years, there's some potential," he said in an interview at Bloomberg's Toronto office...The utility has faced criticism around high electricity prices and executive compensation since the Ontario Liberal government sold a 13.6-per-cent stake of its shares through the initial public offering. The province now holds about 45 per cent of Hydro One after two subsequent sales and doesn't intend to go below 40 per cent."

2. Hydro One, should it acquire Avista, will compromise Idaho's control of it's critical infrastructure. The merger has the potential to put in jeopardy the State's economy because power resources are the foundation of commerce. The IPUC Commisioners have an unbearable personal burden in deciding this case. The pressure is huge to approve this deal as it has cleared the scrutiny of Federal regulatory agencies, Alaska and Montana, and received the approval of Avista stockholders. I assume that Oregon and Washington will follow suit to further their motives of green energy. The only thing standing in the way of this merger is the IPUC. Three people, three Idaho citizens, with unprecedented authority and responsibility to serve the interests of Idaho citizens...and NOT the power company shareholders...are now sitting in the hot seat. It is a monumental decision that will affect the course of Idaho commerce and the well being of its citizens for generations. This merger offers no real benefit to Idaho and has the potential to do great harm in the future. In balance I urge the IPUC Commissioners to vote with caution and prudence for the good of Idaho.

3. VOTE NO.

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From: wer2travelers@roadrunner.com
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 11:30 AM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Carla Skinner

Name: Carla Skinner

Case Number: AVU.-E-17-09 *and AW-6-17-05*

Email: wer2travelers@roadrunner.com

Telephone: 208 777 0783

Address: 2127 Clark Fork Pkwy.

Post Falls ID., 83854

Name of Utility Company: Avist

Comment: I oppose the sale of Avista to Hydro One. It is taking away our ability to keep fairness in trade of goods for our country. In WW 2 we destroyed the ability for Germany to run their factory's. This inabled the free country's to continue to be free. I wonder how this is going to effect our say about the safety of the water. Canada has a history in Kettle falls causing the fish to become unsafe to eat as well the health problem of the people who lived there. What happens to Idaho's EPA agreement. What happens to our tax dollars that supports the utilities commission. Where do we complain after the deal is complete Where will we get power if Canada decided to not provide to the U.S.A. I have heard promises before and they are never kept. The way I look at this it will make The United States a third world country.

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Diane Holt

From: wer2travelers@roadrunner.com
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 11:30 AM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Carla Skinner

Name: Carla Skinner
Case Number: AVU.-E-17-09 *and AVU-17-05*
Email: wer2travelers@roadrunner.com
Telephone: 208 777 0783
Address: 2127 Clark Fork Pkwy.
Post Falls ID., 83854

Name of Utility Company: Avist

Comment: I oppose the sale of Avista to Hydro One. It is taking away our ability to keep fairness in trade of goods for our country. In WW 2 we destroyed the ability for Germany to run their factory's. This inabled the free country's to continue to be free. I wonder how this is going to effect our say about the safety of the water. Canada has a history in Kettle falls causing the fish to become unsafe to eat as well the health problem of the people who lived there. What happens to Idaho's EPA agreement. What happens to our tax dollars that supports the utilities commission. Where do we complain after the deal is complete Where will we get power if Canada decided to not provide to the U.S.A. I have heard promises before and they are never kept. The way I look at this it will make The United States a third world country.

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Diane Holt

From: anitaaurit@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 11:08 AM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Anita Aurit

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Case Number: AVU-E-17-09 *and AVU-G-17-05*
Email: anitaaurit@gmail.com
Telephone: 208.610.0626
Address: 403 Louis Lane
Sandpoint Idaho, 83864

Name of Utility Company: Avista/Hydro One merger

Comment: I am opposed to this merger. Northern Idaho does not need a foreign company and/or government (one that is not healthy financially) and who promotes carbon credits and global environmentalism to dictate to us. A foreign owned corporation shouldn't be allowed to own or control critical infrastructure such as the electrical grid. That is a matter of national security.

One only has to look at the agony that Hydro One is causing people in Ontario, Canada to see what ramifications there are for Avista customers.

My electric bill went up \$1200.00 this year with Avista and it will only get worse if this merger is approved. Many of us will be forced out of our homes because we cannot afford to keep ourselves warm in the winter.

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Diane Holt

From: john_f_ca@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 10:44 AM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: John Flynn

Name: John Flynn
Case Number: AVU-E-17-09 *and AVU-6-17-05*
Email: john_f_ca@yahoo.com
Telephone: 5106048566
Address: 3069 W. Smoke Tree Ave
Athol ID, 83801

Name of Utility Company: Kootenai Co-op
Comment: Sirs:

I obtain my electricity from Kootenai Electric Coop, which buys from Avista. I strongly urge you not to allow the purchase of the utility by Hydro One.

When I was in school, I learned that the government allowed certain monopolies such as telephone, electric and water because it served the public good.

I see no public good in this deal for the current customers of Avista. The rates will have to increase. By that time, there will most likely be new commissioners who will be powerless in regulating a foreign utility.

There are too many pay-offs and grants in this deal to buy the support of the involved parties.

Like most things, follow the money. There is no upside for the people that you are supposed to be protecting, the people of IDAHO!

Unique Identifier: 208.94.83.130

Diane Holt

From: greekgod@icehouse.net
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 9:50 AM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: joseph miller

Name: joseph miller

Case Number: avu-e-17-09 *and AVU - 6-17-05*

Email: greekgod@icehouse.net

Telephone: 2086640961

Address: 521 e. mallard
coeur dalene ID, 83815

Name of Utility Company: avista

Comment: Sirs: I don't think it's a good idea. You have to be kidding! To have a foreign country in charge of YOUR CUSTOMERS IS LUDICROUS! THIS IS A LOT LOT LOT BIGGER THAN IS BEING REPORTED. YOUR THE SMALL GUY COMPARED TO WHATS GOING ON, BUT A PIECE OF THE PUZZLE. THINK ABOUT IT.

LOVE THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA LOVE IDAHO

THANKS TRUE AMERICAN

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Diane Holt

From: bob.proctor@post.com
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 10:02 AM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Robert Proctor

Name: Robert Proctor
Case Number: avu-e-17-09 *and AVU-6-17-05*
Email: bob.proctor@post.com
Telephone: 2082631984
Address: 566 Pine View Ln
Spirit Lake ID, 83869-9635

Name of Utility Company: Avista
Comment: Sirs:

I am an Idaho resident, and I do NOT agree with the sale of Avista to a foreign entity.

Given the public turmoil surrounding Hydro One in Canada, I'm having a difficult time believing that we're all working towards the same goal: the maintenance and continuing operation of Avista's infrastructure with the customer in mind.

I could drone on, but let's cut to the chase: this is a REALLY bad idea.

Please say NO to the export/sale of American Infrastructure. I don't believe it will end well.

Let me know if you have questions.

Rgds,

Robert Proctor

Unique Identifier: 72.106.54.7

Diane Holt

From: Kclarue@outlook.com
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 9:45 AM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Karen LaRue

Name: Karen LaRue
Case Number: AVU-G-17-05 *and AVU-E-17-09*
Email: Kclarue@outlook.com
Telephone: 208-699-2370
Address: 1608 E Northwood dr
Hayden Lake Idaho, 83835

Name of Utility Company: Avista

Comment: Since Hydro one does not currently have any experience with or holdings of natural gas, what guarantee is there that they don't sell off the natural gas side of the business? As both an employee and a customer this concerns me, my neighbors and my co-workers. If Hydro one sells out it will negatively impact our safety and job security.

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Diane Holt

From: jerrysebby@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 9:04 AM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Gerald Sebby

Name: Gerald Sebby

Case Number: AVU-E-17-09 *and AVU-6-17-05*

Email: jerrysebby@gmail.com

Telephone: 208-689-3527

Address: 13211 S Ridgeview Loop

Harrison ID, 83833

Name of Utility Company: Avista

Comment: I am opposed to the sale of Avista to a foreign entity. Avista is a well run and reliable local company. By allowing transfer of the utility to a large, remote Canadian company, we may in the future look on the transfer of ownership of our utility as a big mistake. Please don't put our utility service at risk.

Unique Identifier: 69.55.216.125

Diane Holt

From: knapp41@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 9:20 AM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Dale and Lillian Knapp

Name: Dale and Lillian Knapp

Case Number: AVE-G-17-09 *5 and AVE-E-17-09*

Email: knapp41@gmail.com

Telephone: 2086913946

Address: 3314 n 6th pl

Coeur d Alene ID, 83815

Name of Utility Company: Avista

Comment: We truly believe we have given away enough of the United States to foreign govts. We cannot see where this will help any of the Avista customers, only the big boys will gain anything. DO NOT!!! DO NOT !!!!approve this take over. Ontario Canada is a long way away from Idaho. Why do they want us , just our water and money.

Thanks in advance

The Knapp family

Unique Identifier: 98.145.83.80

Diane Holt

From: cdawill2@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 8:56 AM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Robert Denton

Name: Robert Denton

Case Number: AVU-E-17-09 *and AVU-G-17-05*

Email: cdawill2@gmail.com

Telephone: 208-292-4110

Address: 1106 N 12th St

Coeur d'Alene ID, 83814

Name of Utility Company: Avista

Comment: Vote NO on the sale of Avista to a FOREIGN utility, Hydro-One. All legal and monetary considerations aside, selling critical US infrastructure (natural resources) to a foreign business IS JUST PLAIN STUPIDITY !!!!

Unique Identifier: 98.146.141.144

Diane Holt

From: sherry.oldfield@outlook.com
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 5:19 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: John F. Oldfield

Name: John F. Oldfield

Case Number: AVU-E-17-09 *and AVU-6-17-05*

Email: sherry.oldfield@outlook.com

Telephone: 2085976332

Address: 1036 Park Ave

Sandpoint ID, 83864

Name of Utility Company: Avista

Comment: I am against the Avista merger with Hydro-One an Ontario, Canada Company whose majority stock holder is a foreign government and the resultant board of directors would be essentially controlled by Hydro-One. It also appears that one of the driving factors behind conservation groups backing of this "merger" is the projected use of the tax moneys saved by the new US tax rates on corporations to fuel the 10 year acceleration in the shutting down of the Coalstrip plant and town. I don't agree with the benefit of accelerating the shut down and don't believe any such guarantee of future can be made by any company because the tax laws may be changed at any time.

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Diane Holt

From: dmcmaxx@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 10:30 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Duane McMurdie

Name: Duane McMurdie
Case Number: Case No. AVU-E-17-09 and AVU-G-17-05
Email: dmcmaxx@gmail.com
Telephone: 2088615882
Address: 8124 East Jacob Drive
Nampa ID, 83687

Name of Utility Company: Idaho power

Comment: In doing a quick review of HydroOne as a lifelong resident of Idaho with many friends and relatives who have been employed by Idaho Power, PLEASE REGISTER THAT I strenuously object to HydroOne acquiring Avista Corp.

Unique Identifier: 173.244.44.85

Diane Holt

From: sawfiler76@hotmail.com
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 7:03 AM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Matthew Tulleners

Name: Matthew Tulleners

Case Number: AVU-E-17-09 *and AVU-G-17-05*

Email: sawfiler76@hotmail.com

Telephone: 208-290-1645

Address: 2809 W Fisher Ave

Post Falls Idaho, 83854

Name of Utility Company: Avista

Comment: American owned Utilities should stay American owned! Say NO to the sale of Avista to Hydro 1!!!!

Unique Identifier: 76.178.188.204

Diane Holt

From: bsellers98198@comcast.net
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 8:24 AM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Barry Sellers

Name: Barry Sellers

Case Number: AVU-E-17-09 *and* *AVV-6-17-05*

Email: bsellers98198@comcast.net

Telephone: 2082924882

Address: 2050 N Main St.

Coeur d'Alene ID, 83814

Name of Utility Company: Avista/Hydro One

Comment: As a long time Idahoan, I encourage the Commission to vote no and not allow the sale of Avista to go through. It is simply unthinkable to know that our energy company and services will be provided, maintained, and regulated by a foreign country. Please be the voice of reason in this matter and say NO. If this goes through, it will be one more thing in our country we no longer own or control. Thank you

Unique Identifier: 71.231.27.213

Diane Holt

From: Diane Holt
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 8:31 AM
To: Diane Holt
Subject: COMMENTS for Case Nos. AVU-E-17-09 and AVU-G-17-05

Michael Neher
6056 N Colfax
Dalton Gardens, ID 83815-9283
(208) 719-9165
bluelake@roadrunner.com

Dear Governor Otter:

As you know, unless the State of Idaho stops it, Avista is poised to be taken over by Hydro-One, a Canadian corporation whose major stockholder is the government of Ontario. I am worried that the Idaho PUC has insufficient political and technical clout to completely grasp this issue and to fairly protect the Avista customers in Idaho. Therefore, I ask that you and Lt. Governor Little immediately intervene in this process to ensure that Idaho citizens are protected, not just for 5 years but permanently, by stopping this merger once and for all. For background, please review the following information:

https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/1a545e1d-a9ba-4c9f-9112-762455a79dfa/downloads/1ccepbbv9_873111.pdf

Delfina Krakau

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Diane Holt

From: kathy@nezasoft.com
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 8:36 AM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Katherine Hennigan

Name: Katherine Hennigan

Case Number: AVU-E-17-09 *and AVU-6-17-05*

Email: kathy@nezasoft.com

Telephone: 2082702660

Address: 3594 N Cederblom St., Apt 216

Coeur d Alene ID, 83815

Name of Utility Company: Avista

Comment: I would like to state my opposition to the proposed sale of AVISTA to the Canadian company, Hydro One. I am opposed because I do not want a foreign company to own my public utility or have any controlling interest in it. I ask that you DO NOT APPROVE this sale. Thank you!

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Diane Holt

From: kathy@nezasoft.com
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 8:40 AM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Katherine Hennigan

Name: Katherine Hennigan

Case Number: AVU-E-17-09 *and AVU-G-17-05*

Email: kathy@nezasoft.com

Telephone: 2082702660

Address: 3594 N Cederblom St., Apt 216

Coeur d Alene Idaho, 83815

Name of Utility Company: Avista

Comment: I would like to request that you DO NOT APPROVE of the sale of AVISTA to Hydro One, a Canadian company. I do not feel that a foreign company has any business in controlling a utility company in the United States. Thank you!

Unique Identifier: 52.129.39.40

Diane Holt

From: paulnez168@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 4:21 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Paul Niespodziany

Name: Paul Niespodziany
Case Number: AVU-E-17-09 & AVU-E-17-05
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Telephone:
Address: 5493 N Martha Loop
Coeur d Alene ID, 83815

Name of Utility Company: Avista
Comment: "I object to HydroOne acquiring Avista Corp.

Unique Identifier: 69.76.6.68

Diane Holt

CASE NO. AVU-E-17-09 and AVU-G-17-05

From: jherb83835@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 4:19 PM
To: Diane Holt
Subject: Avista and Hydeo One merger

13 June 2018

Dear Sirs,

I am 73 years old and have lived in Idaho since 1975. Some of my ancestors have been in this country since the 1600s.

Myself and many of my family have served in the US military to defend and protect US rights.

This merger of Avista and Canadian Hydro One will turn the control of vital US resources and their management over to a foreign country.

My family and I are Not in favor of this merger or any other plans that allow other countries to have control of our utilities (or any other US asset).

Thank you for allowing me to voice my opposition to the Avista and Hydro One merger.

James Herbert
Hayden, Idaho

Diane Holt

From: jsrudd@frontier.com
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 10:18 AM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: John Rudd

Name: John Rudd
Case Number: AVU-E-17-09 *and AVU-6-17-05*
Email: jsrudd@frontier.com
Telephone: 208-882-3674
Address: 1292 HighIsnd Dr
Moscow ID, 83843

Name of Utility Company: Avista

Comment: Am I the only one who is not comfortable with a company from a foreign nation purchasing a public electric / utility company in the State of Idaho, United States of America?

Avista is not in financial trouble, it does not need 'bailing out' or bankruptcy protection. Where is our common sense?

This is a very bad takeover.

s/n

John W. Rudd

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June 13, 2018

Idaho Public Utilities Commission

RE: Avista sell out

I believe that none of our Public Utilities should be owned by any foreign entity, government or private company! This is ridiculous to say the least.

Why would a company pay \$5.3 billion for another company and not expect to make something on their investment?

Casey Fielder says "after the transaction closes, Avista will continue to operate as a stand-alone company under the same name, from the same headquarters in Spokane with the same employees. "This may be true, but all of the profits will go to Canada. He also says "Avista will continue to run the business and serve customers and communities as it always has with local decision-making authority." If Hydro One Limited owns Avista, Hydro One Limited will make the final decision if they disagree with the local authority. We have all heard these lies in the past regarding this type of activity.

Casey Fielder also says "customers will continue to see the same level of regulatory oversight by the utility commissions in each state. Again, this may be true. However, if the new owners can show that they need an increase to make up for their expenses, which could include the cost to purchase Avista they will get an increase.

If everything is going to remain the same, why sell? If Avista is making enough profit for another company to believe they are worth \$5.3 billion

then why would Avista want to sell? Maybe we should follow the money. Who is really going to benefit from this sale? Maybe in the beginning they will lower bills, but that most likely is the hook.

If the two companies want to receive benefits of scale, why not form a purchasing co-op. They could include other Utility companies as well and do even better.

I urge you to oppose this purchase and or merger.

Sincerely



Marlin Hendrix