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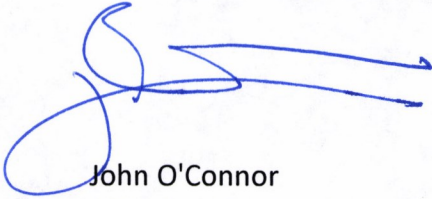
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To the Idaho Public Utilities Commission,

I want to express my support for the merger between Avista and Hydro One. I feel that this is a well-considered, transparent business decision that in the end benefits ratepayers through immediate upgrades and investments, and benefits everyone by stabilizing and broadening sources of regional energy and energy investment.

I own a Main Street commercial building and retail business which is an Avista customer. I would be pleased to know that, through this merger, my energy provider is contributing to my community. In particular, I am happy that the resultant company is moving away from coal and looking seriously at more sustainable sources of energy. This is good investment for many reasons.

Thank you for your time,



John O'Connor
199 Meadow Creek Road
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July 3, 2018

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Idaho Public Utilities Commission
472 West Washington St
Boise Id 83702

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Re: Proposed acquisition of Avista Utilities by Hydro One

Dear Commissioners and Staff:

Our place, in Bonner County, first obtained electric power in 1951, an event never forgotten by those of us around here then. As a result, we do not take our electric service for granted. Nor should other Avista customers, if it is sold away to Hydro One of Canada. Avista would then be a minor subsidiary of an eastern Canadian Mega Utility.

I agree with the many North Idaho residents vehemently opposing the transfer of this vital public utility to a foreign parent corporation, not subject to the regulatory authority of Idaho.

The effect of Canadian laws and regulations on the conduct of public utilities and corporate governance cannot be known to any of us with any certainty. It is all subject to change without notice to us or the State of Idaho. Transparency in the corporate affairs of Hydro One cannot be guaranteed by, or to, anyone in Idaho. The Canadian government and Hydro One will have vastly more influence over Avista, than Idaho will have over Hydro One.

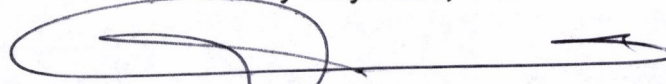
Also a subsequent resale to a less-friendly foreign country or corporation cannot be ruled out.

Promises given by Hydro One on rate stability are illusory, assuming that Idaho will retain some control over electric rates.

Public utilities are the only private businesses whose customers' interest are legally paramount to those of its shareholders. It is not clear how customers' interests will be advanced by this sale; the opposite may well be the outcome. We have had good service and fair rates from Avista and its predecessors for 67 years.

We would like to keep it up, and not be at the mercy of a corporation and government beyond our borders.

Very Truly Yours,



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Diane Holt

From: cindyperiera@msn.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 3, 2018 10:32 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Erik Jorgensen; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Cindy Periera

Name: Cindy Periera

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

Email: cindyperiera@msn.com

Telephone:

Address:

Spokane WA, 99224

Name of Utility Company: Avista

Comment: I am adamantly against the sale of Avista to Hydro One. Why would we want to give control of our dams to a foreign interest? I fear the rates will increase to levels that low and middle income families will not be able to afford. Our resources need to be controlled by American entities. I feel this would be handled much better by a P.U.D.

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Diane Holt

From: Heatherl27@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 4, 2018 8:00 AM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Erik Jorgensen; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Heather Lewis

Name: Heather Lewis

Case Number: AYU-IE-17-09 // AYU-G-17-05

Email: Heatherl27@yahoo.com

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Sandpoint ID, 83864

Name of Utility Company: Avista

Comment: I do not want Avista to be purchased by Hydro One. Our rates will increase and it will be controlled by a foreign government. I do not think this is best for Idaho or Avista customers.

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Diane Holt

From: 1944jerseygirl@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 4, 2018 11:35 AM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Erik Jorgensen; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Barbara Rexford

Name: Barbara Rexford

Case Number: *AVU-E-17-09/1 AVU-G-17-05*

Email: 1944jerseygirl@gmail.com

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Address: 671 Grouse Hill Road

Bonnors Ferry ID, 83805

Name of Utility Company: Northern Lights

Comment: I feel that no foreign company should control our power grid.

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