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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Sean McIlvenna. I am a resident of Coeur d' Alene, Idaho.

It has come to my attention that Avista is interested in a merger with Canadian-based HydroOne.

I am strongly opposed to this merger for the following reasons:

- HydroOne is a foreign entity that should not have any influence in U.S. utilities.
- HydroOne has a history of price-gouging their residents via what they call "Global adjustment fees".
- HydroOne has been reported to cut off 40k+ residents' electricity mid-winter (when it is needed the most).
- HydroOne has had a vast 400k residents with unpaid utility bills, which indicates the cost of their utilities are unaffordable.
- Avista is (generally) a profitable utilities company with a great credit rating. Why is this merger even being considered when it is clearly not needed?

Any one of these reasons should be enough. I urge you to put a stop to this merger immediately.

Sincerely,

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