

Comment statistics are for both comment periods, total comments received through 10-23-18.  
 Total comments: 448  
 In Favor: 13  
 Opposed: 365  
 Undecided: 70

Some customers submitted public comment during the first and second public comment periods. If a comment field begins with a statement that it is the second or third public comment, the prior comment(s) can be found in the initial public comment exhibit submitted 6-1-18 in docket U-170970.

Filing Support	Commenter	Source	Comments
No	Don Brockett	E-mail	<p>***Second comment with attachment received 8/7/18***</p> <p>Members of the WUTC,</p> <p>Attached is my submission as a customer of Avista in Spokane WA concerning the proposal to sell Avista to Hydro One of Canada.</p> <p>Sincerely,                      Don Brockett</p>
No	WILLIAM MCINERNEY	Web	<p>*** Third comment received 8-7-18***</p> <p>Isn't the recent action by the Canadian government against the Hydro One CEO and Board of Directors an obvious red flag. We have a strong, financially stable utility serving our area. Let's keep government out of it. Avista customers will be the ones that pay if Hydro One takes over. Please do not allow this - listen to the customers, not the shareholders. All they see is \$\$\$.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>William McInerney                      2828 W Olympic Ave                      Spokane WA 99205                      509-326-4409</p>

No	Steve	E-mail	<p>***Third comment received 10-17-18***</p> <p>OPPOSED!</p>
No	David Paperd	E-mail	<p>***Customer was present at public comment hearing on 4/23/18***</p> <p>I myself like some others can not see what benefits will accrue to rate payers and customers of Avista. The purchase of our utility to an out of country firm is not something we would approve or can see is necessary.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>David and Deborah Paperd Liberty Lake, Wa.</p> <p>Sent from my iPad</p>

Undecided	Dorothy Ochsner	In person	<p>Customer participated in a public comment hearing on 4/23/18.</p> <p>*** Customer submitted two comments on 6/6/18***</p> <p>I have been watching the progress of the intended sale of Avista to Hydro-One that is in a foreign country. I am totally against this sale as I see it only helping Hydro-One out as it seems they have had</p> <p>Some financial difficulties. I am also noticing that the ones that will profit from this sale will be the shareholders and Hydro-One. I really hope that you are taking into consideration</p> <p>Sent from Mail for Windows 10 that the rates back in the eastern part of Canada and the USA are considerably higher than what we here in the Northwest pay. I feel , as do others I have gotten into conversations with, this is not going to be a good thing for us as customers. I only see our rates increasing faster than they do now. PLEASE take into your thoughts on this proposal that we don't need Hydro-One they need AVISTA.</p> <p>Sincerely, Dorothy Ochsner Nine Mile Falls , Washington</p> <p>***Second Comment***</p> <p>Don't do this. Not going to help the customers here in the Pacific Northwest. Why don't we get to vote on this?</p> <p>Sent from Mail for Windows 10</p>
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No	Gilbert Preuss	In person	<p>Customer was present at public comment hearing on 4/23/18. ***Customer provided written comment via email on 6/6/18*** Please prevent the proposed sale of Avista to Hydro One, a foreign company. As a foreign company, Hydro One's loyalty will be to their Canadian customers. Those customers are paying about 3 times our rates. Soon, we would be paying THEIR rates.. I find it incomprehensible for you to sell a local utility to foreigners. Please do not allow this to go forward. Thank You, Gilbert Preuss 99021 N Holcomb Rd Mead, WA. 99021</p>
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No	H. A.	Web	<p>I am deeply concerned about the effect this sale to HydroOne by Avista will have on Avista consumers in 5 states in the Northwest U.S.-Considering the terrible energy crisis that Canadians have been enduring in Ontario at the merciless hands of HydroOne for several years now, I personally cannot fathom that their problem would disappear and not become the problem of Avista customers as well. It undoubtedly will. In recent years, as many as 60,000 homes in Ontario in one WINTER had their electricity turned off because of inability to pay their bill. However, at .68 or more per kilowatt hour, an average home could have a monthly bill of \$600 or more for using an appropriate amount of electricity to warm their homes, bathe, cook, and live. I have observed the politicians of the province and they basically shrug and make yet another promise that they are "working" on this problem-meanwhile, people in rural Ontario are having to decide whether to cook their food that night, or be warm that night. This is unacceptable. As an American citizen and resident in Washington State, I definitely do not want to live that way-and I know of NO ONE else who does.</p> <p>I understand that HydroOne is billions of dollars in debt, and right now a class action law suit for hundreds of millions of dollars is in process right now against this company-this law suit has been filed by this company's own customers! Selling Avista to HydroOne would simply prove to be a disaster-Avista customers would have sky rocketing rates, as well as being subject to other ridiculous, unnecessary, and expensive regulations such as the carbon tax. The cost of living in Washington State is already steep enough and rising without this crushing burden that would ensue in a few short years. And once it does, where will we turn? Who will help us pay preposterous electric bills? The state government? Where will they get the money? By taxing the people who cannot pay their astronomical electric bills? Why not avoid ever having to deal with this tremendous problem in the first place? Say NO to the Avista/HydroOne sale, and many, many people and countless dollars will be saved. Say NO to the Avista sale. Thank you.</p>
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			<p>***Second comment received 8-7-18***</p> <p>There is no clear reason why such a merger with a Canadian company is even being considered. Aside from the Avista board of directors, there is no one else benefiting from this at all. The promises being made to retain all the employees, continue being the social-minded company for Spokane--all just empty air. After all, what can we do about it after it's a "done deal"?</p> <p>No to the merger/take-over!</p>
No	Roseanne McCampbell	Web	Roseanne McCampbell
No	Chantal Hammers	Web	I am opposed to the merger of Avista and Hydro One.
No	Richard Hammers	Web	I am opposed to the merger of Avista and Hydro One.
			<p>Terribly wrong idea, in too many ways. STOP AT ALL COSTS!</p> <p>***Second comment received same day as first 6-4-18***</p> <p>NO TO THE MERGER WITH HYDRO ONE! NO FOREIGN COUNTRY SHOULD OWN AMERICAN PHYSICAL RESOURCES, LIKE WATER, TIMBER, MINERALS, DAMS, UTILITIES! THE MORE WE LEARN OF HYDRO ONE'S DISASTERS IN CANADA, THE MORE WE WANT TO KEEP HYDRO ONE OUT OF AMERICA!</p> <p>NO TO SMART METERS - HYDRO ONE HAS CLEARLY NOT SHOWN THEM TO BE EFFECTIVE IN COST OR OPERATION!! Thank You~ JDK</p>
No	John Kivle	Web	
			<p>I'm writing to ask you to reject the proposal whereby Avista will be acquired by the foreign corporation Hydro One. Public utilities in the US should be owned by US owned corporations without exception.</p> <p>In addition to the current political situation that exists in our country where the president orders tariffs based on nothing but a whim, we are concerned his actions will have future negative impacts for our country. He is already alienating our Canadian neighbors. No one knows where this might lead. Please vote to reject this acquisition and keep Avista a US owned corporation.</p>
No	Pamela Medley	Web	

No	gail mcgougan	Web	<p>Why on earth is Avista selling us out to a Canadian company, are there no other American companies interested. Canada is much better at pushing its liberal agenda on its citizens, and now those same citizens are balking at the much higher price for their utilities, are we going to end up in the same situation, much higher prices, yes I very much think that will be the case. Please do not let Avista sell our resource, especially to an unknown quantity such as Hydro-One, We will all suffer and you will rue the day you let this happen. When you live on a fixed income every dollar counts and there are no other alternatives for we the consumer to switch to, we are stuck with Avista.</p> <p>Thank you Gail &amp; Gene McGougan Spokane WA</p>
No	Dwite Ramsey	Web	<p>Selling our only source of electric power and natural gas to a foreign company would be a huge mistake.</p>
No	Katherine Holmes	Web	<p>I oppose the proposed selling of AVISTA to HydroOne in Ontario as I am opposed to foreign ownership of our vital natural resources. We have been enjoying some of the lowest energy rates in North America while many HydroOne customers are struggling to pay their high utilities bills due to Ontario's Green Energy Act. I do not want our resources to be under Canadian laws rather than those of the U.S.</p>
No	Jeta P. McKillip	Web	<p>As a resident and ratepayer in Spokane, I am not in favor the proposed sale of Avista to EnergyOne of Canada. I am at a loss to understand why Avista our local homegrown utility company desires to sell our only power source to a foreign country!! As a senior citizen on a limited income, I am concerned that should the sale go through we will all be facing higher utility bills with the Canadian carbon tax (which residents (voters) in Washington state rejected) and costs associated with the purchase of Avista by EnergyOne.</p> <p>Please do not approve this sale. Thank you.</p>
No	Nicholas S.Skok	Web	<p>DO NOT SELL OUT TO CANADIAN COMPANY !!!!!!!! That would be totally UN-AMERICAN !</p>
No	WILLIAM MCINERNEY	Web	<p>Hydro One's purchase of Avista is a great deal for Scott Morris and his top executives and shareholders. It will be at the expense of all the rate payers. Hydro One has nothing but problems north of the border. Look at their history. Please don't let them pass on their problems to the rate payers here in Washington. Why allow a foreign country to take over our local utility?</p>

No	Jackie Caferro	Web	I am against it because it sounds to me like they (HydroOne) are in trouble and they need us more than we need them, obviously. HyrdoOne's rates are higher. I'm afraid that our rates will go up and we won't have any say about it.
			<p>We agree with this letter to the editor!!</p> <p>William and Diane Proser</p> <p>----- Forwarded message -----</p> <p>From: Alene Lindstrand &lt;collie_mamma@msn.com&gt; Date: Wed, May 30, 2018 at 1:20 PM Subject: Fw: Avista sale to HydroOneken To:</p> <p>My letter to editor appears in today's paper.</p> <p>From: Alene Lindstrand 11305 E Flagstone Ln, Spokane WA 99206 collie_mamma@msn.com</p>



509-869-7657

To: the WUTC panel

Below is my letter to the Spokesman Review editor in Spokane. There are many other reasons I could write about NOT selling Avista to HydroOne, but 200 words only goes so far. I have seen impeccable but scary research done on HydroOne and I beg you to deny the sale of Avista -- the negatives far outweigh any benefits (except to stockholders.) Please read carefully the research of those objecting to this sale. Facts are important to consider as well as downline consequences. Avista proponents of this sale have turned a blind eye to severe consequences coming if this sale is approved.

Thank you and please do the right thing,  
Alene

(My letter to the editor):

Avista may sell out to HydroOne in Ontario. Save your shekels, you will need them. What are the pros vs. cons?

Pros: 1) Stockholders receive a handsome profit.

Cons: 1) Foreign ownership provides zero motivation to invest its profits back into Avista's 4-state local region.

2) Avista's customers enjoy the lowest energy costs in North America while HydroOne customers pay the highest rates. (Recent rate decreases occurred only after rates increased 144% in 10 years!)

3) HydroOne must adhere to Ontario's Green Energy Act requiring a carbon tax. A \$50/ton tax on a 3-car family means \$1987 tax/year. Australia instituted a carbon tax in 2012 but ended it two years later due to severe unemployment and economic downturns. 4) Our most precious natural resource and hydroelectric dams will be subject to Canadian laws, not American.

5) HydroOne expands use of wind and solar power which is often unpredictable and much less efficient than Avista's current energy sources. The EPA found wind turbines killed so many birds (endangered ones, too) that they stopped keeping track of the destruction of this marvelous

No	William and Diane Proser	E-mail	write. Write WUTC (comments@utc.wa.gov) and tell them not to sell out. Let's keep our energy costs low.  Alene Lindstrand collie_mamma@msn.com 509-869-7657
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No	Herb Postlewait	E-mail	<p>W U T C</p> <p>Re: Avista sale</p> <p>Commissioners,</p> <p>Avista generates and sells energy in the Northwest to Northwest consumers. Since Avista is based in Spokane, the revenue stays, for the most part, in the Northwest. There is no plausible reason to add another layer of profit taking to ratepayer’s bills. Not to mention all the new regulations and fees the Canadian company could add.</p> <p>Since Avista is for sale, maybe it should become a PUD. Taking the “for profit” out of the picture and lowering utility rates for public and private consumers. Lower utility rates could encourage new industries to locate in Arista’s service area. Also lowering the cost of living in the region.</p> <p>The only winner in this sale would be the Canadian corporation. Why would we export money? As an Avista customer, I am opposed to this sale.</p> <p>Herb Postlewait 7011 S. Parkridge Blvd. Spokane, WA 99224</p>
No	Kassi Kain	E-mail	<p>I’m not in favor of the Avista - Hydro One merger. Our power infrastructure should not be compromised by a foreign entity.</p> <p>Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone</p>

		<p>Greetings:</p> <p>Many reasons already aired against the impending HydroOne purchase of Avista are enough to vote against it, including mismanagement of their Canadian concern (see smart meter debacle, poor investments in low performing wind and solar projects, foreign ownership leaving little incentive to invest back into community, increased rates, and more), but one very important concern not discussed previously is the future effect on private property rights.</p> <p>Avista Corp. owns numerous property parcels in Washington State, including one parcel that recently allowed this corporation to threaten my own real estate clients' land value and usage on Long Lake in Nine Mile Falls, WA. A ten foot wide by mile and a half strip of Avista-owned property submerged under water 50' offshore of my clients' lakefront property was used as justification for my clients' potential buyers to receive a "no" to permitting and installing a boat dock on property abutted on either side with previously installed boat docks. Only a letter to Avista and Congresswoman Cathy McMorris-Rogers pointing out this inconsistency AND how possible negative press about property rights affected by the HydroOne purchase reversed Avista's decision and allowed my clients to proceed with their sale.</p> <p>Without that dock permit, their property would have been devalued by over \$100,000. Many hundreds, if not thousands, of property owners will be subject to similar unknown issues of land usage when their property abuts parcels owned by HydroOne—which would then put their property rights and usage issues squarely in the hands of a Canadian concern, not American. This issue should be thoroughly researched and considered prior to approving the HydroOne purchase of Avista. The public has a right to know how many property parcels in our communities would be owned by HydroOne as a result of this purchase, and how this ownership would be administered.</p>
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No	Alice Galeotti	E-mail	<p>owned by HydroOne as a result of this purchase, and now this ownership would be administered where it concerns Washington property rights.</p> <p>Your consideration of this vital matter is greatly appreciated.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Alice M. Galeotti          Broker, REALTOR®          aliceg.realtor@gmail.com</p> <p>Windermere North Spokane LLC          9017 N Country Homes Blvd.          Spokane, WA 99218</p> <p>cc: Editor, Spokesman-Review</p>
No	Linda Henningsen	E-mail	<p>I feel very strongly that American utilities should be owned and run by American companies. Considering what is happening now with tariffs being imposed on Canada, who knows what might happen if there is (well deserved) retaliation by Canada.</p> <p>I am opposed to this acquisition.</p> <p>Linda R Henningsen          4411 N Adams St          Spokane, WA. 99205</p>

No	Vaughn Blue	E-mail	<p>I am against the buyout of Avista by Hydro One because: 1) It takes away the personal local service; 2) They are from Canada &amp; the trade deficit with them is unfair to America; 3) Avista does a lot for the Inland NW, particularly the Spokane area, that Hydro One would conceivably not do.</p> <p>Thank you for allowing me to respond.</p> <p>Vaughn Blue, Jr. (Joshua 24:15)</p>
No	Jack R. Russell	E-mail	<p>I would like to add my no vote to the proposed Avista merger with Hydro One. I have been a resident of Spokane Valley for 42 years and went through one of Avista's sales that was to benefit me. The sale in question was Avista's sale of a water district in Spokane Valley. I don't remember the year, but this sale, to a French company, was supposed to benefit the customers in this water district and lower our rates. Guess what, the rates did not lower but went up. They went so high, that we the citizens, bought the water district back from the French company and formed #3 Water District to rein in the escalating costs. I don't trust Avista, and I definitely don't agree with selling our natural resources, namely hydro power, to a foreign country. This is especially true now that our stupid, incompetent president, Mr. Donald Trump, is getting into trade wars. My vote is no on this merger John R. Russell, 5310 S Bates Dr, Spokane Valley, WA 99206.</p> <p>Thank you for allowing my comment on this matter.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>John R. Russell</p>
No	Catherine Smith	E-mail	<p>I am concerned about the acquisition of a service of this importance to a foreign nation. I am unaware of what precedent there is, and whether there have been problems or safeguards for possible problems. I am also uncertain about what rules and regulations for these kinds of purchases. It is decidedly something I would oppose until and unless I had some further information</p>

<p>No</p>	<p>Gary and Dorene Harter</p>	<p>E-mail</p>	<p>Why is America’s Avista Corporation being sold to the foreign country of Canada’s HydroOne, whose corporate headquarters are located in Toronto, Eastern Canada?                  Our country’s Avista sale to Canada should be illegal and disallowed. Not only is this transaction outrageous but we American ratepayers will be forced to pay America’s highest utility rates because Canada will enforce their green laws on us. Avista HydroOne will charge exorbitantly expensive monthly energy rates as well as multiple monthly surcharges for their charitable contributions and various other obscure fees. If this creates a financial hardship, prepare to endure some uncomfortably low indoor winter, fall and spring temperatures, with the attendant increased pneumonia, flu and colds.                  We agree with this article that was in our Spokesman Review Paper. Lot of seniors/dispondant people will not be able to afford higher prices of electricity/gas in our area.                  So, please don’t allow this to happen to our citizens in Spokane/Idaho/Oregon.                  Gary/Dorene Harter                  Spokane Valley WA</p>
<p>No</p>	<p>Paul Lindholdt</p>	<p>E-mail</p>	<p>Please disapprove the proposed merger between Hydro One and Avista.                  Paul Lindholdt                  Professor of English, Eastern Washington University, Cheney WA 99004 tel. 509-359-2812</p>

No	Deborah Markin	E-mail	<p>Scott Morris wants a little more for his retirement hence the sale of Avista. Once we sell our resource of electric power we are at the mercy of another country. When we had a windstorm in November of 2015, our emergency Management of Spokane County had personal contact with Avista chiefs to get Spokane county and outlying areas back up and running sooner than alot of comparable sized companies under similar situations in other parts of the country. EMP interruption by a foreign government is a real fear for the U.S.. If Avista is sold to Canada what efforts would they put in to protecting our electrical grid? How did selling one of our precious public companies originally called "Washington Water Power" get to this point? No No emphatically NO! This is a risk for national and local Homeland security. Canada was involved in the Uranium One sale to Russia. What's next Pacific Northwest power?</p> <p>Deborah Markin RN MN</p>
No	Randy Peterschick	E-mail	<p>I am opposed to the pending sale of Avista to Hydro One. I do not think an American utility should be regulated by Canada's tax laws and environmental rules. Please block this sale and stop selling our businesses to foreign countries. Thank you. Randy Peterschick. 8014 N Normandie. Spokane, WA</p>
No	David Germain	E-mail	<p>Do NOT allow the proposed sale of locally owned Avista to foreign owned EnergyOne of Canada. Local ownership and control is of the utmost importance!</p> <p>Sent from my iPhone</p>



No	Frances Spuler	E-mail	<p>I am asking you to please NOT approve the sale of Avista. Too many countries are buying United States businesses and I believe it will be very harmful to our country. Soon we will not even own the United States, it will be owned by foreign countries.</p> <p>I foresee rate increases, and many changes that are not things that the average wage earner can afford. Think what all the additional costs will do to the retired on fixed incomes. Avista is already raising our rates at maximum speed and the public is not getting the cost of living increases to be able to afford them. Canada's way of doing things is totally different than ours and I don't feel they are good changes for our country. I have seen too many people, including my own relatives, having their power shut off because they could not afford to pay the high costs. It is the children that suffer the most, especially small ones that need a good warm meal. Our "help the poor" pay their bills is not what it is cut out to be - it has never helped any of my friends or relatives!</p> <p>PLEASE, PLEASE, do NOT approve this sale, I beg you!!!</p> <p>Frances L. Baker Spokane, WA</p>
No	Beverly Gibb	E-mail	<p>I and my 2 adult family members do not agree with the sale of Avista to another company.</p> <p>Please keep our power local.</p> <p>Beverly Gibb</p>
No	Carol Ann Quigg	E-mail	<p>No, No No to buy out of Avista. Giving ownership and control of our area electrical and gas supply to a foreign country is a terrible idea. There is little more basic to our well being and survival than these two services. Do NOT allow this sale of Avista.</p> <p>Carol Ann Quigg</p>
No	Barry Remboldt	Web	<p>I am a business owner in Spokane. I am animatedly opposed to a Canadian company owning Avistacorp.</p>

No	Dianne Schaefer	Web	<p>Avista is our only power source &amp; it is our rivers that provide that power. Why do we want Canada to dictate how that power is to be used &amp; the cost of that power?</p> <p>Please say "NO" to EnergyOne &amp; avista.</p> <p>ThAnkyou</p> <p>Dianne Schaefer</p>
No	Judy Adams	Web	<p>I am opposed to the sale/merger of Avista and Canadian HydroOne. I think it is unwise to give a foreign company/country the opportunity to mess with our precious energy sources. I do not see a win for average Americans in this.</p>
No	Donald Brown	Web	<p>I object to HydroOne acquiring Avista Corp.</p>
No	Kathlyn Berrigan	E-mail	<p>As a rate payer/Avista customer, I urge the company leadership to reconsider selling ownership of the company outside our borders. Local control can manage local problems more efficiently than a larger entity 4,000 miles away with other priorities.</p> <p>What we urgently need to focus on now is protecting our power grid from enemy designs/destruction. It is time to tighten control, not leave it in someone else's hands.</p> <p>Kathlyn Berrigan Kettle Falls, WA 509-738-6627</p>

No	Tom Thompson	E-mail	<p>I urge the WUTC to not allow the sale of Avista to Hydro One. Since when is it in the best interests of the local community to have the local utility sold to an organization which has no presence in the local community?</p> <p>What could possibly go wrong?</p> <p>Somebody is coming out smelling pretty good on this deal and it's not the Avista customers.</p> <p>I would like to know the commission's thought on this topic and how they plan to vote and the logic behind it.</p> <p>Thanks!</p> <p>Tom Thompson</p>
No	Dorothy Ochsner	E-mail	<p>I have been watching the progress of the intended sale of Avista to Hydro-One that is in a foreign country. I am totally against this sale as I see it only helping Hydro-One out as it seems they have had</p> <p>Some financial difficulties. I am also noticing that the ones that will profit from this sale will be the shareholders and Hydro-One. I really hope that you are taking into consideration</p> <p>Sent from Mail for Windows 10 that the rates back in the eastern part of Canada and the USA are considerably higher than what we here in the Northwest pay. I feel , as do others I have gotten into conversations with, this is not going to be a good thing for us as customers. I only see our rates increasing faster than they do now. PLEASE take into your thoughts on this proposal that we don't need Hydro-One they need AVISTA.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Sincerely, Dorothy Ochsner Nine Mile Falls , Washington</p>
No	Gary Buerck	Web	<p>I will make this short and sweet. Do not let Avista sell to Hydro One.</p> <p>Our local electric utility should not be controlled by foreign hands</p>

No	Sadie Cooney	Web	<p>The customer called the commission at 10:20 a. m. 6/20/2018 to ask Consumer Protection Staff to write her public comment as she does not have a computer. The staff writing the comment is Elizabeth Eskridge.</p> <p>Due to the circumstances with our current president and issues with Canada, timing should be taken into consideration and the customer is against the merger of Hydro One.</p>
No	William S. Rowe	Email	<p>I hope I'm not too late to ask you NOT to sell Avista to Canada! The Avista CEO has mismanaged the company to acquire a large debt. He hopes to clear this debt and benefit with a large bonus and hopefully convince the stockholders to agree to the sale by promising them a nice dividend. It makes No sense to sell our resourc e to a foreign country. How do we know they might not decide to sell it in the future to any other buyer they may choose. DO NOT ALLOW THE SALE OF AVISTA TO ANY FOREIGN COUNTRY. Sincerely, William S. Rowe The large debt the CEO mentions is not just cause to sell the company but rather to replace the CEO with a leader that can manage more successfully.</p>
No	Kevin Gaffney	E-mail	<p>Hello</p> <p>I would like to state my strong opposition to allowing this sale for too many reasons to mention.</p> <p>Regards, Kevin Gaffney</p> <p>PO BOX 96 Cheney WA 99004 kevingaffney@mac.com</p>
No	Gayle Mann	E-mail	<p>Please vote no to allow Avista to sell to a Canadian Company. Keep American business at home here in the USA.</p> <p>Thank you. Gayle Mann</p>

No	Gary Steven Pomeroy	Web	no on Hydro one , no business with Canada please!
No	Angelo Lonziserio	Web	I am a member of a customer and concerned citizens group with over 300 members. We as an organization request you disapprove the Avista sale to Hydro One. We risk our rates, power, water and our ability to control our own future by selling these precious assets. Hydro One is a company that has been terribly run. It is in debt and rated by agencies as an great investment risk. It has run up the debt of the Province of Ontario too the largest sub sovereign debt in the world, over 300 BILLION DOLLARS. Why would we trust such a mismanaged company to run Avista's system including 13 dams ?????

No	Mike Vervair	E-mail	<p>Good Afternoon,</p> <p>As an Avista ratepayer, I'm deeply troubled by the news coming from Ontario's decision to take steps virtually unprecedented in removing the entire board - as well as the CEO - of Hydro One. This action does not bode well for the future, as well as Washington state's ability to fairly and appropriately utilize its vast hydro, renewable, transmission and distribution resources. I see absolutely no benefit to the Inland Northwest region coming from this merger, rather a net cost. Has there even been a simple regional and ratepayer economic analysis or plan showing how this benefits us? Or is this simply just another merger fueled a small cadre that will take a payday from an acquisition that has negative monetary benefits for the population at large - a basic pump-and-dump scheme.</p> <p>Much of the local population shares the sentiment that this merger will only increase rates and all but eliminate local supervision of our energy resources and turn it over to a company practically under control of the Canadian political system.</p> <p>As leaders of the WUTC I request that you reject the takeover of Avista by Hydro One. Over \$250 million in preferred share dividends and bond interest payments will be created as part of this deal. This will surely be passed along to ratepayers in some form - possibly not immediately - but it certainly will occur. Hydro One is severely mismanaged, whether the fault of the ownership structure, the previous company management, or both. This should not be eastern Washington's burden and I hope you make the best decision - the future is at stake.</p> <p>Kind Regards, Mike Vervair</p>
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No	William DeLine	E-mail	<p>Gentlemen,</p> <p>I would like to see the proposed sale of Avista be stopped. I do not believe that relinquishing local control and ownership will benefit our community. The assurances given to Avista ratepayers is not convincing. I also think that the recent firing of The Hydro One C.E.O., and the forced resignation of the entire board, in and of itself, should be enough to immediately suspend negotiations.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Dr. William DeLine</p> <p>Sent from my iPad</p>
No	Ken Garceau	E-mail	<p>To All Concerned, Please Do Not Approve the sale of Avista to Hydro One. The session I attended at the City of Spokane Valley City Hall proved an overwhelming negative for the purchase, I can't help but believe you received the same comments at the other meetings you held.</p> <p>Thank You</p> <p>--</p> <p>Ken Garceau, Broker, REALTOR          Windermere Manito Real Estate          2829 South Grand Blvd, Suite 101          Spokane, WA 99203-2582          Mobil: 509-868-1761          Office: 509-747-1051          FAX: 509-747-9160          Email: ken@kengarceau.com          Web: www.kengarceau.com</p>

No	Joel Shank	E-mail	<p>Good Day,</p> <p>This morning’s news about the entire Hydro One board of directors leaving after the CEO left simply underscores my concerns about Canada’s Hydro One acquisition of Avista. Not to say that kind of fiasco could not occur here too but at least it would be under the closer scrutiny of your department and not a foreign country.</p> <p>My public testimony to you here in Colville remains unchanged. I am deeply concerned about a Washington created, financed, supported and primary customer based utility sending its profits to Canada instead of distributing them to stockholders and/or refunding them to customers. I am both a customer, stockholder and have been for decades. I also fronted nearly \$5,000 to pay for three solar panels for the solar farm in the Spokane valley.</p> <p>Joel Shank 724B Mahoney Rd Colville, WA 99114</p>
No	Garith Krause	Web	<p>Members of the Commission - I have come to the decision to oppose the proposed sale of Avista to Hydro One. I am having trouble understanding how this sale could possibly benefit Avista rate payers. Benefits to the rate payer should be identified which might include, enhanced power and gas supplies, lower costs, and/or improved reliability. To the best of my knowledge, none of these benefits have been identified. In fact, it seems that it is more likely that Avista rate payers will be worse off with distant and foreign ownership. It is likely that Hydro one will attempt to bleed off Avista's cheap hydro power for use in Canada, and raise Avista rates to pay for the higher priced replacement power. Finally, the recent management shake up of Hydro One illustrates the uncertainty that Avista Customers will face with each turn of Ontario's government. What we need is an Avista management shake up that will bring management focus back to the Northwest to improve Avista's performance at home. It is apparent that current management is focused on the \$50 million buyout package rather than on the benefits to ratepayers. Vote no on the Sale!</p> <p>Thank you! Garith W Krause</p>
No	Gary Vandenberg	Web	Do not approve the avista buy out by Canada



No	Charles Taggart	Web	In consideration of the political nature of the makeup of Hydro One's board and the recent political activity toward it I don't feel that Avista's sale to it is prudent, or beneficial, to Avista's ratepayers. Notwithstanding Montana and Idaho acceptance of the merger I would hope that Washington's UTC WOULD NOT go ahead with its acceptance of the terms and the permission for the merger.
No	Sean McIlvenna	Mail	See attached letter for comment.
No	Donald D Perkins	Mail	<p>***See attachment first comment received 7-18-18 two part pdf due to file size limit***</p> <p>***See attachment second comment received 8-20-18 two part pdf due to file size limit***</p>
No	Robert J Lundy	Web	<p>I would like to voice my concern as a rate payer in the US, that Avista in NO WAY SHAPE OR FORM should be allowed to sell out to a foreign country. If that is allowed to happen, I don't care what kind of regulation / stipulation would be provided, there is nothing that the US court system could ever do to enforce best practices on a foreign country.</p> <p>This potential acquisition by a Canadian controlled company for power services provided to United States customers is a HORRIBLE idea and one that I cannot believe has received as much approval as it has to date.</p> <p>Thank God that the Hydro One board has imploded at the direction of the Canadian government. Shouldn't that tell you something.</p> <p>PLEASE FOR THE SAKE OF ALL AMERICAN AVISTA RATE PAYER'S, DO NOT ALLOW THIS TRANSACTION TO TAKE PLACE. THE CONSEQUENCES WILL BE POTENTIALLY DISASTROUS FOR US ALL.</p> <p>Thank you, Bob Lundy Spokane, WA</p>
No	Connie Rushing	Web	A foreign government should not be allowed to own any utility company in the United States. We should control our own utilities. We would have no say if they decided to raise rates, and they would.

No	NANCY PERKINS	Web	I am not in favor of the sale of Avista Utilities to Hydro One Ltd. I think it is a very bad idea to sell something as important as Avista to a foreign entity. In the case of this sale, Canada has proven that the government can control Hydro One and that is something that should not be allowed to happen to our utilities. Please do not approve this sale.
No	Frank DiPaola	Web	Avista is not acting on behalf of its customers in this attempted deal, only on behalf of stock holders and the CEO who stands to make a cool \$5M if the deal passes. These issues personally make me sick; the utility uses resources that belong to the residents of WA state, and manipulates them to leverage financial gains they would not otherwise obtain, leaving the rate payers at the mercy of ideological descendants of scamster Maurice Strong, his carbon tax ponzi scheme, and a FOREIGN COUNTRY. Then they will put us at the mercy of Ontario's Utopian "Green energy" pipe dream? I think i know what is in the pipe they are smoking! Who could this kind of scheme benefit other than the fat cats who hatched it?
No	Kent Harrison	Web	I'm against the Hydro One acquisition of Avista. With the stroke of a pen the local Canadian government dismantled the Board of Directors and fired the CEO without cause. I do not want a foreign government managing any part of the Public Utility in Washington State.

No	Susan Pearson	Web	<p>My husband and I are moving back to the Spokane area from Wapato in the near future. I have been doing some preliminary looking at homes and properties. I heard about the merger and decided that I would NOT buy a home/property where I would have to use Avista utilities.</p> <p>Our utilities are struggling every day with cyber-attacks and trying to improve and harden their systems. To hand Avista over to a foreign entity seems counter intuitive and unhealthy. The people I truly see benefiting from this merger are the Executive staff of Avista. I liken this merger to when Washington Water Power became Avista and then the CEO left with an enormous golden parachute. The people ended up paying for that in their rates even though the UTC said it didn't happen. The current Executive Board will receive enormous gold parachutes and the power that once belonged to the people and in the United States will belong to Canada.</p> <p>I am aware of all the technical stuff that is going on but understand only a little. I heard that the whole board and CEO of HydroOne just quit. I do know this is not the time to give them control of our utility. I do understand that I don't want Ontario to have control of my ability to take care of my home and family. I have an autistic son that is living on his own and relies on the help that Avista affords him. I am pretty positive that Ontario would not care about my son.</p> <p>Please do NOT approve the merger! I implore you for all those who do not know how to send a message to the UTC and who are indigent and can't speak for themselves.</p>
Undecided	Dan Mauri	Phone	Customer asked to be added to the distribution list.
No	Marna Wilson	Web	<p>Please contact by phone. Taken over the phone 7/26/18, 12:50pm, MMS</p> <p>This utility should be in the state of Washington where I have been a customer since 1965. Right now rate payers have the right to say something because they are the ones paying the bills. This will not be if sold to Canada. Keep it American where we have control and a voice. Surely, Avista can find other avenues to make more income. Don't want to be taken advantage. Friends in Canada state that Hydro One is not stable. Please don't approve sale, keep it American.</p>

<p>No</p>	<p>Pat F Halland</p>	<p>Web</p>	<p>***Second comment received 7-30-18***</p> <p>Please, do not allow this to go through, we Avista customers already have a hard time paying the rates we do and with what I have read from the Canadians, Hydro One will raise out rates to shy heaven.. I am also not in favor of any foreign country purchasing any of our essential utilities... Please, do not let this happen... its time that the WA. Utility Commissioners stood up for the Avista customers.... Stop this sale.</p> <p>***Third comment taken over the phone on 10-23-18***</p> <p>PHONE/RS</p> <p>I am pleading with you, commissioners, to not allow the sale to Hydro-One. I don't believe in a foreign company or country should be owning our utilities. They are known to raise their rates way too much. I know people in Canada who have all told me about how their rates are high and they are all upset about the raises. I appreciate it if there were no more rate increases for Avista. They are creating hardship for us and there is not need for it. Gas prices are abundant. I don't think they need it. I would like to commissioners to look out for "we the people" instead of the company.</p>
<p>No</p>	<p>Laurie Anderson</p>	<p>E-mail</p>	<p>I am adamantly against the acquisition of Avista Utilities (HQ in Spokane) by the Canadian company Hydro One.</p> <p>I think it insane that consideration would be given to letting a foreign/Canadian based company, even as close an ally as Canada is, acquire a public utility in the U.S.</p> <p>That's it in a nutshell. Keep our companies owned by US companies. Period.</p> <p>Thank you, Laurie Anderson Spokane, WA 509-389-1033</p>

No	Robert Chase	Mail	<p>***See attached letter for comment***</p> <p>***See attachment for second letter received 10-23-18***</p>
No	George Shea	E-mail	<p>Dear Sir,</p> <p>Thank you for delaying the merger decision. I have been an Avista consumer for 20 years. The recent shakeup of Hydro Ones management proves the lack of stability the merger would subject the ratepayer is exposed to.</p> <p>Having a foreign country, even Canada, own my utilities supply can't be a good thing. Please do not approve the deal.</p> <p>Regards, George Shea Spokane, WA</p>
No	Mark Bell	E-mail	<p>As a concerned citizen I would plead with you to reject the takeover of Avista. it would be a terrible thing for Eastern Washington.</p> <p>Mark Bell Spokane, WA</p>

<p>No</p>	<p>Margo Waring, Renewable Juneau</p>	<p>E-mail</p>	<p>Dear Public Utility Commissioners,</p> <p>I am the president of the board of Renewable Juneau, a non-profit organization in Juneau, Alaska that promotes and advocates for the increased use of renewable energy in Alaska’s capital city. Renewable Juneau intervened in the issue of the possible merger of Avista and Hydro One. Juneau’s city government came to an agreement with Avista/HydroOne which gave Juneau some of the promised benefits that had been given to Washington and Oregon, such as rate stability and ring fencing. The Regulatory Commission of Alaska accepted the agreement and, thus, ended the debate in Alaska, leaving many parties feeling dissatisfied, with a handful of important energy issues left off the table.</p> <p>I am writing to encourage you once again to take a critical look at the proposed merger in the light of recent election developments in Ontario. As Oregon’s PUC so ably discussed, there have been significant political risks inherent in the merger. The June election showed how prescient the staff report was. The election has proven not only that this election provided a total change in the management of HydroOne but, importantly, has shown that subsequent four year elections could easily produce other unforeseen, and possibly unwelcome, changes. The extent to which Avista and its subsidiary companies, such as Alaska Electric Light and Power (AEL&amp;P), might be affected by and insulated from these political changes is unknown and could only be known over time.</p> <p>For this reason and others, such as the highly leveraged structure of the acquisition, we encourage you to assure that all economic and political safeguards you negotiate apply corporate wide in Avista, including all subsidiaries and thus bolster protections of AEL&amp;P consumers or, if not, please consider protecting ratepayers by denying the request for the merger.</p> <p>Thank you in advance for your consideration of this pressing concern.</p> <p>Margo Waring Renewable Juneau, President 11380 N.Douglas Hwy Juneau, AK 99801</p>
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No	Martha Draper	Web	<p>Taken by phone. MMS</p> <p>I oppose the sale. We have has local owners for years and years, it should stay local. They need to figure it out. I feel that selling to a foreign country, we will not get the same service that we have had for years and years.</p>
No	Calvin Sanger	Web	<p>I oppose the sale of Avista Corporation to Hydro One of Ontario Canada. The sale is against the best interest of the Avista rate payers.</p>
No	Danna and Jerry Christianson	Web	<p>Filled out by UTC Employee John Trier on behalf of the caller. Caller does not want a foreign utility controlling her power, especially one controlled by the government.</p>
No	Roseanne McCampbell	Web	<p>There still is no clear reason why the Avista board of directors would even consider this merger with the Canadian company--aside from adding more income to themselves. It certainly wouldn't benefit the customers of the existing company, nor the employees, no matter how much the Canadian company protests that "all the workers will continue to have jobs, etc." In the world of mergers, that is one of the most blatant of falsehoods.</p> <p>No to the merger!</p>
No	Richard Dullanty	Web	<p>Taken by phone; MMS</p> <p>I don't think Avista should be sold to another country. What is Ontario decides to sell it to another country?</p>
No	Keith Sly	Web	<p>Taken by phone; MMS</p> <p>Rates will go up, can't tell me any business person is going to invest 5.3 billion not to expect a return on their investment. Rates will go up no matter what they say.</p>
No	Kathleen Franke	Web	<p>Taken by phone; MMS</p> <p>First of all, I would like utilities to stay in the US not a foreign country. Right now it is to volatile for a sale to take place. Prefer it to stay in US not going to Canada.</p>

No	Mark Heitman	Web	<p>The customer called in by phone from 509-217-3929 on 8/7/2018 at 3:20 p.m. transcribed by Elizabeth Eskridge as the customer has no internet.</p> <p>The customer is opposed to the Hydro One merger or sale of Avista. Avista runs several dams that control the flow of the Spokane River and makes money off of the power generation of those dams. The customer is afraid the power rates which are already expensive will go through the roof. The customer does not think it should be allowable for a foreign entity to purchase and own a U.S. utility company.</p>
No	Dennis F. & Dianne M. Hueber	E-mail	<p>To; Washington Utilities Commission</p> <p>As forty five year residents of Spokane, we would like to go on record as being very opposed the sale of our great, gas and electric utility, to Hydro One in Ontario, Canada.</p> <p>This just doesn't make sense to us, BUT, I do think I fully understand why our " top level management" team continue to remain "committed" to this \$ellout. It is, in our opinion, NOT a brilliant idea to place long term control of our MAIN gas and electric energy provider in hands so very far away - what could possibly wrong ? and, if it did, what could we then do about it ?</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dennis F. &amp; Dianne M. Hueber 1521 W. Lawrence Dr. Spokane, Wa. 99218</p> <p style="text-align: center;">509-466-1723</p>



No	Jack and Shirley Vines	E-mail	<p>Greetings:</p> <p>My wife and I became Washington Water Power customers in 1974 and have enjoyed the long tradition of service and reasonable utility pricing. We hereby go on record as being adamantly opposed to the sale of our local Avista to Hydro One, a foreign corporation in Ontario, Canada.</p> <p>We would have been against the sale anyway, but the recent management unrest within Hydro One just amplifies the dangers.</p> <p>We can see nor have been convinced of any benefit to us as users of Avista electricity and natural gas service; nor can we see any possible benefit to the community.</p> <p>Please do the right thing and just say no to this sellout of a precious natural resource.</p> <p>Jack and Shirley Vines 3227 E 28th Avenue Spokane, WA 99223-5701 (509) 953-6023</p> <p>Sent from Mail for Windows 10</p>
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No	Terry LaCoursiere	Web	<p>The sale of Avista to Hydro-one should denied. The only reason they are interested in Avista, is the potential to raise the rates and costs so they can make more profits at our expense. Avista executives are only interested in a big payout and not our (the customers), best interests. It should be seen as a warning sign in neon letters the turmoil they just went through, firing all of their executives because the first complaint from the Canadian customers was HIGH COSTS!!!. Please deny this request to sell this American company to a Canadian company that will (without a doubt) raise our rates. I see that this is their only reason to buy Avista. They want to increase profits through higher rates. Why else would they be looking to buy the company. We (the customers) will be raked across the (border) paying higher rates. There will be nothing we American's can do to protect ourselves if Avista is sold to a foreign entity. Please think of the current customers of Avista and deny this transaction. Say NO!</p> <p>Thanks for reading this, Terry LaCoursiere</p>
No	Rebecca Gist	E-mail	<p>I do not think this is a very good idea. Americans need to stop selling to another country. Washington State needs to understand the importance of this situation that is going on in America. In my opinion I think the American people who have a brain need to get together and create free energy from the planet. It is beyond ridiculous. Why should people continue to pay higher and higher bills for these fat cats to stuff their pockets that have holes in them? NO amount of money will ever satisfy them. It is time for another set of American people to take jobs from these greedy investors and change a lot of corrupt situations that has occurred over the years. If some CEO people continue to sell all of the companies to foreign countries then the American people will be ruled by communist investors and that is what they want. We as the American people will no longer be as free as we are. Stand up to these traitors of our Country. Thank you for your time.</p>
No	Lisa Hendrix	Web	<p>(Submitted by telephone - KM) I don't agree with selling our power companies to a Canadian company. We should keep it owned by Americans.</p>
No	Ben Riva	Web	<p>Transcribed 08/08/2018 at 12:10 p. m. by Consumer Affairs staff Elizabeth Eskridge because customer does not have email.</p> <p>The customer is opposed to the sale of Avista to Hydro One because the customer does not want a foreign government or entity purchasing a US or local utility. The customer believes Avista has a lot of green power and Canada would use it for credits.</p>

No	Kathryn Cote	Web	I am against the Avista sale to Canadian company Hydro One. Why should we have our utilities be owned by another county where they could possibly increase our rates or put a tariff on our usage. Our utilities need to be owned by the United States. This sale is a very bad for Avista customers and the United States. Hydro One does not sound very stable. Please do not approve this bad sale.
No	Heidi Kriss	Web	I am voicing my opinion that this merger needs to be halted now! Hydro One Ltd is BAD NEWS!!! My Canadian relatives in Toronto have been telling our family horror stories about them for years prior to this merge business. There are countless elderly on limited incomes who have no heat in the winter or cooling in the summer as they can't pay Hydro Ones outrageous rates. There are countless other customers who have gone to generators for power as they can't afford to pay their utility bills. Avista can sugar coat the merger all they want, but changes will come to local customers and not for the better. There is no reason a U.S. Utility with easy access to power sources should go into business with a foreign utility! I am a single income and its hard enough to pay my Avista bill each month with the increases they implement as it is now. Listen to the people in WA & ID. Concerned customers DO NOT WANT THIS MERGER TO HAPPEN! Thank you.
No	Richard Paulicheck	Web	I don't like the idea of a foreign company owning part of our power grid. I think US stuff should stay owned by the US, especially a power grid.
No	A.J. Lennox	Web	Filled out by UTC employee John Trier from 800# phone call. The caller states she is highly opposed. I think it's totally ridiculous. The utility is making money hand over fist. Why engage with a company not in the US and in financial and management trouble.
No	Vicky Paulicheck	Web	Customer comments per call/CTC  We shouldn't be allowing a foreign country to allow our electrical grids and stuff. I don't think we should let anybody control our utilities.Especially a government that doesn't much care for us. I just think it's a very, very bad idea. Our dams are even at stake on a mistake like that.

No	David Anderson	Web	Taken over the phone by John Trier. Against it because it is a foreign country and the way things are going right now with our country and other countries, we need to keep everything we have in our own country. Concerned that this is the beginning of a trade war. Has a summer home on Cor'delane lake and he does not want Hydro One controlling the lake level as well since Avista is already doing a good job already. Avista is doing a good job with everything already, and he doesn't want to change.
No	Spencer	E-mail	As an Avista customer I would like to urge the commission to deny the sale of Avista to Hydro One. The turnover of their CEO and the entire board of directors reflects an instability. I can only get my power and gas from Avista. I as many, don't have another choice. Please keep Avista as it is. Thank you, Kathy Spencer  Sent from my iPad
No	Donna J Gadau	E-mail	I am opposed to the sale of Avista to the Canadian company. It will be nothing but problems and rate increases from now on if the sale goes through. Please do not allow this to happen. I have been a resident of Spokane for over 70 years and am a registered voter. Thank you for any help you can provide. Donna J Gadau, 4123 S. Perry, Spokane, WA 99203 (509)747-2917
No	Mary Art	Mail	See attached comment
No	Joe M. Martella	Mail	See attached letter for comment.
No	Merry & Wim Gregory	Web	No, No, No ...."if it's ain't broke don't fix it". The sale of Avista Utilities to Hydro One is not a good idea. Hydro One has their own issues to resolve without another entity being involved. Sounds like the province of Quebec has ownership (or control) of Hydro One if they can fire the CEO. Please do NOT approve the sale of Avista to Hydro One.
No	Anthony Cardoza	Web	8/17/2018 4:06 P. M. the customer called in to consumer affairs staff and asked to make a public comment about the potential sale of Avista. The customer has no access to computer so the complaint staff Elizabeth Eskridge took the comment for the customer as follows:  The customer is against the sale to anyone especially a foreign company. The existing company is doing well and they are doing a good job servicing the public. The customer sees no reason to sell whatsoever and especially to a foreign company.

No	Debra McCreery	Web	I adamantly oppose the sale of American power generation infrastructure to a foreign corporation. This would undermine United States sovereignty by making rate-payers subject to the Paris Accord, as Canada is a signer on that treaty, or to United Nations Agenda 2030. As a lifelong Pacific NW resident, I have seen rates soar and control deteriorate as larger and more distant companies devour our resources and make NW residents less important than those in other states where higher rates can be charged. We certainly don't need a foreign government determining our present and future rates and availability of resources. We don't vote in Canada and will not be subject to the whims of their shaky government.
No	John Dickey	Web	Please do not sell Avista to a Canadian country. That company's rates are almost twice Avista's, which means a HUGE rate increase for us. How many of us have electric heat, and cannot switch to gas, which will be cheaper, because there are no gas lines in our area?
No	Don Robenson	Web	Comment taken over the phone by John T. Opposed to a foreign company purchasing Avista. Concerned that this will lead to continual increases in rates. He found it interesting that an article in the paper came out saying that Avista was going to lower its rates after coming under scrutiny.

No	Steve Giusti	E-mail	<p>I am writing you concerning the Joint Application of Hydro One Limited and Avista Corporation further referenced by Docket No. U-170970.</p> <p>I live in Spokane County and Avista provides our power and our location directed the use of electric heat as the means for us to light and heat our home.</p> <p>I am against the proposed sale of Avista to Hydro One. I have learned that there has been a significant change to the preconditions of the sale whereas there has been substantial management and board changes recently. I also have concerns that Avista executive severance packages for key management on completion of the takeover creates a potential conflict of interest and would preclude an objective evaluation concerning the terms of the sale.</p> <p>I do not see how this take over provides me as a rate payer any "Net Benefit" especially in light of the uncertainty going forward from here. Further, I do not understand how the regulators in the various affected states would conclude that foreign control of our electric infrastructure would benefit the local rate payer without subjecting us to unneeded risk.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Steve Giusti sagiusti@yahoo.com 509-220-3400 cell</p>
No	Zoe Harris	Web	I am not in favor of Avista Utilities being bought out by a foreign entity. Something as important as gas and electricity should not be controlled by a non-domestic company.
No	Albert Giglio	Web	Comment taken over the phone by John. The caller says that his bills are constantly increasing. Every time he receives a bill from the company it includes a rate increase. He is concerned that the merger will lead to higher and faster increases.

		<p>Dear Commission Members,</p> <p>I would like to provide you with some feedback and rationale for my position on the proposed Avista sale to Hydro One. I will start by clearly stating that I am opposed to this proposal. There is a long list of reasons why I believe that this is not a wise course of action for our region, our state or our communities but I will limit my comments to the top factors in my conclusion.</p> <p>1.) When any large corporation takes on this much debt there will inevitably be rate increases and reductions in services and staffing to accommodate the debt portion of the sale and any associated costs that come with taking on this level of debt to acquire a new business. In addition I have especially strong concerns as they relate to this particular company who does not have a strong track record or reputation. Finally, this company is currently in disarray and I don't believe this is a wise time for Avista to be overseen by Hydro One.</p> <p>2.) Hydro One is based in Canada. Currently the highest levels of decision making for Avista are located here in our region. Local communities, local governments, Tribal Governments and community members have relatively easy access to directly interact with the representatives at the very top of the Avista decision chain. I am aware that the intent is that Avista would remain completely independent and would not in theory be influenced from Hydro One in Canada. Based on what I know about the proposed language of the agreement that is only true to a certain point but there is no doubt that there will be influence from Hydro One as the owner and ultimate decision maker. There is also no doubt that based on thousands of examples throughout North America of Corporate buyouts and transfers that unexpected changes are inevitable. There are no guarantees that 5, 10 or 20 years down the road that there will not be substantial rate increases, cuts in operating and maintenance budgets or staff reductions. The fact is that Avista can only</p>
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No	Marc Gauthier	Web	<p>hide behind themselves today but tomorrow they could be able to to hide behind Hydro One and make the argument that whatever decisions are to come down the road that they did not have ultimate control over that decision making.</p> <p>3.) Avista continues to hold substantive responsibilities to uphold as it relates to environmental impacts, impacts to fishery resources and impacts to tribes from their operations. I have strong concerns that this sale will result in reductions in funding and commitments to addressing these responsibilities.</p> <p>4.) Finally, the waters that are impacted and managed by Avista are the resources of the State the Federal Government and therefore ultimately the citizens. These are our waters. In addition these projects produce local and regional power supplies that are considered to be renewable and carbon neutral. My point is why would we ever allow the ownership of such a local treasure to a company that is over 2000 miles away and is located outside of the USA. Not to mention to this particular company with its poor track record, high power rates and obvious and apparent mismanagement.</p> <p>I have faith in this body to make a decision that is right for or region and our communities and that you will unanimously object to this sale. I respect and appreciate the complexities of the decision but I implore you to stand with the clear majority of the people who live here, buy power here and who depend on these waters for our livelihoods, our homes and our communities.</p> <p>Respectfully, Marc Gauthier</p>
No	Beth Newton	Web	<p>(Comments taken by phone call - KM) After everything reading about the Canadian utility having so many problems, if they merge, I am afraid that it will raise our rates for them to get out of their troubles. I'm retired on social security and any raises affect the seniors.</p>



No	Wendy Powell	Web	<p>We are shocked that the proposed sale of Avista to Hydro One of Ontario, Canada is even being entertained. This poorly run company is virtually bankrupt itself and has destroyed the economy of Ontario Province. That is why the CEO and board members were all fired by Doug Ford, current Premier of Ontario. Is this what we want for much of Washington State?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Most of our elected officials have not come out against this sale. How could they? Hydro One has contributed significantly to their campaigns!</li> <li>2. The Avista CEO, Scott Morris and his board members are for the deal, because they stand to make a total of \$53,000,000 when the deal closes.</li> <li>3. Shareholders want the deal because they get a 24% bonus on their stock holdings when the deal is complete.</li> </ol> <p>Of course, Hydro One had to borrow the money for these bribes. They will have to pay it back by significantly increasing rates.</p> <p>Do we want all of the assets of Avista in the hands of a foreign company? Will your commission even be able to regulate them? Do we want the Columbia River Treaty to be renegotiated by Canadians on both sides of the border?</p> <p>What advantage is all this to customers of Avista? NONE!! Every aspect of this sale is disastrous for the individual who buys electricity from Avista.</p> <p>Your commission is supposed to be protecting the public. You will fail us miserably if you let this sale go through.</p>
No	Tammy Roberson	Web	<p>We do not approve of this merger (Buyout) of Avista (an American Co) to Hydro-one (a Canadian Co). This will undoubtedly increase the utility rates and many will loose service and become victims of homelessness and poverty. If Maurice Strong was involved it is assuredly connected to Agenda 21 (2030) and all its complicated tentacles of control. In the bible Esau sold his birthright to his younger brother Jacob for a mess of pottage. You may get a hell of a lot of money for this but you will be selling your birthright for a mess of pottage and will come to regret your decision.</p>

No	Kay Bryant	E-mail	<p>I would encourage the State Utilities and Transportation Commission to examine very carefully the potential sale of Avista to Hydro One. Recently imposed tariffs on Canadian products by President Trump, the unfriendly dialogue with Canadian leaders and our top administration, and the upheaval at the top level including the board and CEO of Hydro are all major concerns. This may not be the time to have citizens of the northwest having another country in power over our electric and gas resources. Please examine this sale from all possible outcomes not just a profit viewpoint.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my thoughts on the matter.</p> <p>Kay Bryant</p>
No	Robert Clark	Web	<p>Not only NO but HELL NO! No take over by a foreign entity! You can not allow the sale of our nations power grid to a foreign country. How stupid are you to think thats a good idea?!</p> <p>If you don't put a stop to this, then President Trump should! Its bad for our commerce and its absolutely wrong for national security! NO, NO, NO, NO, NO, NO!!!</p>
No	HBrazil	E-mail	<p>Refer –Docket No. U-170970 Joint application of HYDRO ONE LIMITED and AVISTA CORPORATION UTC;</p> <p>We are vehemently opposed to the purchase of Avista Utilities by Canadian Co Hydro One limited so that 13 executives can personally benefit (\$50.5 Million) at the expense of its customers. We are seniors, living on fixed income and can't afford to have our rates skyrocketing with this deceitful, corrupt and immoral transaction!</p> <p>HBrazil</p>
No	Tommy Walen	Mail	***See attached post card***
No	Steve Fuhrman & Theresa Fuhrman	Web	Comment taken over the phone by UTC employee John. Customer just wanted the comment to indicate he was opposed, did not provide further comment.
No	Maureen Karr	Web	Keep Canada out of our utilities! This merger is detrimental to Idaho and the United States!
No	Mark Hendern	Web	Taken over the phone by UTC employee John T. The caller states that he does not believe that the dams themselves should be sold to Canada since they were built with government funds and belong to the public.
No	Dalton Haubold	Web	<p>Comment taken by CTC:</p> <p>I am against the sale because of the rate increase that will come from it.</p>

No	Barry Remboldt	E-mail	<p>To whom this may concern</p> <p>I have lived in Spokane for 40+years. I am a homer owner, tax payer and own a small business. I adamantly do not want Avistacorp to be sold to Hydro One. A foreign country has no business owning a public utility in the USA.</p> <p>Barry Remboldt</p> <p>Barry</p> <p>***Second email received 9-29-18 at 5:15 PM***</p> <p>To Whom This May Concern</p> <p>I am an ..Avista customer for my home and business. I am adamantly opposed to this sale to Hydro One let alone, a foreign country. The ownership should stay in the United States.</p> <p>Barry Remboldt</p> <p>Sent from my iPhone</p>
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No	CAROLYN KIESZ	Web	The sale of a utility company is a serious compromise of security. Allowing a foreign entity to own any portion of our electrical grid should be completely forbidden. The United States needs to be in control of her own grid. This is a serious breach of confidence that our government is not intelligent enough to understand that concept. Canada is no exception to the rule. Just because Canada is a bordering nation does not make it any less of a "foreign" entity. Who thinks that another nation will put the wellbeing and welfare of our citizens before their profits or their own citizens? They will not. This is a common sense issue. I urge those in decision making positions to think twice and then vote NO on this acquisition of Avista. Based on the history of the purchasing company alone, this deal should not go through. I hope that intelligence will rule and that this deal will not go through.
No	john kvamme	Web	I am concerned that Hydro One's purchase initiative and motivation for acquiring Avista will have negative impacts for Avista residential and business customers. Please do not approve the acquisition.
No	Gareth Hawkins	Web	Referring to docket no. U-170970 -- Joint application of Hydro One Limited and Avista Corp.  I do not support this sale/joint application. I feel that it would adversely effect the energy prices of the area to be increased due to the insolvent state of Hydro One Limited.
No	matt mallard	Web	i do not support the the sale of avista to hydro one. this will cause people much pain.
No	jo torczon	Web	stop take over and protect the customers of avista . You should protect the US citizens from foreign laws. Avista is a monopoly but they have good service. No telling what would happen if this sale is approved. We do not want to bail out Ontario debt!

No	Sharyl McBride	E-mail	<p>May 2018, July-August 2018, and August 2018 Avista has provided notices for rate increase requests with our monthly statement. These continual requests after having prior requests denied by the UTC is getting out of hand. Most customers probably do not even read the extra notifications for all these increases. I have commented on two other occasions where the increase was denied. There should not be a need for the customer to send in monthly comments as Avista continues to attempt these increases through the UTC.</p> <p>With the purchase of Avista by the Canadian owned company, there was communication that there would not be any rate increases. The history now speaks for itself. In light of the NAFTA negotiations currently, it is my opinion that joining the US &amp; Canadian companies should not be allowed. I was unable to attend the public meeting at our local library concerning the merger, but in light of these continual requests to increase rates, I am opposed to the merger.</p> <p>I wonder if the UTC would support public requests for reducing our utility rates on a monthly basis. Our household is on a fixed income with no increases to our income in the future. A limitation needs to be placed on Avista for the number of requests for rate increases &amp; a moratorium if they continue this behavior and to hold them accountable.</p> <p>Respectfully, Sharyl McBride</p>
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No	S J	Email	<p>I am emailing to voice my disgust at this potential merger. Have you read the following?                  Avistacustomergroup.com</p> <p>Docket No. U-170 970</p> <p>13 executives will receive \$50.5 MILLION dollars if they leave within 3 years of the “merger” . . . wow – wouldn’t it be great if the utility customers got a piece of that action in reduced rates? I can only assume after reading this information that our US rates will skyrocket over the next few years so I pray to God that we get some competition. Please help us all. This is insane.</p> <p>Sent from Mail for Windows 10</p>
No	Carol Davis	Web	<p>I understand that it will be quite lucrative for the Execs at Avista if the sale to HydroOne is accomplished. I hope that you take into account how HydroOne will cost the people in Spokane and the surrounding area, covered by Avista, more money for their services than the majority of the families could afford. HydroOne's goal to fight Climate Change will inevitably hurt our families. They have not cared for the people of Canada so I seriously doubt that they will not double, if not more, our utility rates. I hope that you are not blinded by the millions of dollars that you will pocket at the expense of the Citizens who will pay for your greed.</p>
No	jo torczon	Web	<p>Please protect Avista customers from a failed company as Hydro one. They are in debt and they will eventually raid the avista customers. Besides Hydro one operates under foreign law Which would mean they would even control water rights in the north west. There is NO advantage to Avista customers only a fat check to Avista CEO's. You as a public utility commission are charged to protecting customers since Utility companies are a monopoly Please stop this sale in the interest of the Northwest, the people and the economy. Thank you.</p>

No	Phyllis Scott	Web	<p>I am not in favor of the HYDRO 1 purchase of Avista. I also am not in favor of the smart meters. If you would take the time to do the research that has been done on them you find all the negative results they cause physically to people. Check this out if you will please.</p> <p><a href="https://youtu.be/BToqEvCAdPo">https://youtu.be/BToqEvCAdPo</a></p>
No	Mike Kilgore	E-mail	<p>Dear UTC,</p> <p>This note is being sent to voice my opposition to the sale of Avista Corp to Hydro One.</p> <p>There is no logical reason for the Wa UTC to approve this sale and hand over our utility company to a foreign interest. The only benefit will be to the corporate officers in the form of stock and severance payments; calculated in the millions. This is disgraceful.</p> <p>I am a commercial and residential rate payer as well as a life long resident of Spokane. Like the CEO of Avista, I too grew up on the Northside of Spokane. I am also the owner and CEO of Kilgore Architectural Products, Inc. We employ 15 people in Spokane, pay living wages &amp; benefits and rely on a stable and dependable utility to support our business and employees.</p> <p>It makes no business sense to hand over control of our local utility to a foreign entity. I oppose the sale of Avista and ask you to oppose the sale as well.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Mike Kilgore, President Kilgore Architectural Products, Inc.</p>

			<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I am writing in opposition to the acquisition of the Avista by Ontario's Hydro One Corporation. One of the senior Vice Presidents of Avista came to a small group here in Spokane and spoke to us about the so-called benefits of this acquisition. He himself was not a disinterested party and that he is one of 13 officers of the company who along with the others will receive over 50 million dollars from Hydro One for their support of the acquisition. All this money of course, while provided by Hydro One, eventually must come from the utility users such as myself. No executive of a utility that is a monopoly should be allowed to ever make that much money for any reason from any source to bribe their approval for such an acquisition.</p> <p>In the hour-long presentation and question-and-answer session he was unable to articulate any genuine benefit apart from \$78 million over a five-year period in refunds to ratepayers, coming out to about a paltry \$1.36 a month along with a few other small projects. None of these benefits provide an adequate reason for the Avista acquisition and could just as easily be done without the acquisition. Nor could the vice president present a reasonable explanation for Hydro One's desire for the acquisition. *S argument he had was that Avista is the fourth smallest investor-owned utility in the country and should be consolidated. He also argued that there is competition with individual homeowners adding solar panels to their house, a laughable argument considering the minute percentage of homeowners that have done that. I suspect the proposed acquisition might have to do with the relative clean energy that Avista provides, the dams it owns combined with the potential increase in electrical use as fossil fuel usage diminishes. As electricity becomes more in demand use will go up as well as profits.</p> <p>This seems a rather paltry benefit for a lot of unknown risk. Hydro one has had a pretty checkered history in Ontario with expensive rates, poor service, tens of thousands of disconnects from</p>
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No	Edward Duhaime	E-mail	<p>people unable to pay their high rates as well as having to service a very large debt due to mistakes they made in unwise investments. After the election of Doug Ford to the Premier of Ontario province the board of directors was forced to resign and as of this date they have yet to have a new chairman. This indicates bad management.</p> <p>When asked about who actually owns Hydro One the Avista Vice President stated that it is no longer owned by local investors but rather by a variety of pension funds, mutual funds, hedge funds etc. from around the whole country and even the world. In other words, there is no real incentive by the owners of Avista or Hydro One in this deal other than that of making money for themselves. The consumers of Avista utilities are only represented by you, the UTC, which given its history has shown significant favoritism towards such acquisitions.</p> <p>Having retired from a company that went through a leveraged buyout I heard it all before the benefits, and keeping of jobs, but not moving of work locations etc. all turned out to be lies. After listening to the senior vice president of Avista I have the same sinking feeling that the rosy picture presented was a mask for sample profiteering.</p> <p>What I would like to see his Avista either converted to public utility districts (PUD) or electrical co-op. If possible, the natural gas service should be converted in the same way. Local control with local money staying in the local economy is what is needed especially given that the Avista service territory in Washington state has an extremely high poverty rate.</p> <p>Thanks,  Edward Duhaime  1026 E. 11th Ave., Spokane, WA 99202  509-263-2255  EWDUHAIME@GMAIL.COM</p>
No	Maureen A. Tarnowski	Web	I am opposed to this joint application, and encourage the refusal of the application. It will not be beneficial to WA residents. Thank you.

No	Sr. Augustine Marie	E-mail	<p>To whom it may concern,  Regarding Docket No. U-170970:  As a proud American citizen and former Ontario resident whose family has suffered/is suffering because of Hydro One, I protest Avista's proposed sale to this debt-ridden company. It is not in the best interest of the economics of our Inland Empire community.  God bless America,</p> <p>---</p> <p>New Outlook Express and Windows Live Mail replacement - get it here:  <a href="https://www.oeclassic.com/">https://www.oeclassic.com/</a></p> <p>Victoria E. Poganatz  8502 N. St. Michael's Rd.  Spokane, WA 99217  (509) 467-0986 x130</p>
No	Sister Mary Bridget	E-mail	<p>Regarding: Docket Number U-170970 Joint Application of HYDRO ONE LIMITED and AVISTA CORPORATION</p> <p>I am strongly opposed to the Joint Application of HYDRO ONE LIMITED and AVISTA. This proposed sale is definitely not in the best interests of Washington residents, nor even of Americans in general. I urge all to opposed this sale.</p> <p>Thank you very kindly,  (Sister) Mary Bridget  Mary Bridget  8502 N St Michaels Rd  Spokane WA 99217</p>
No	Marilyn Stypa	Mail	***See attached letter from consumer***
No	Lorrie Ochoa	Mail	***See attached comment***

No	Maureen A. Tarnowski	E-mail	<p>I am opposed to the Joint Application of Canadian HYDRO ONE LIMITED and AVISTA. This proposed sale is not in the best interests of WA residents, nor of Americans in general. I urge all to oppose the sale. Thank you.</p> <p>Maureen A. Tarnowski 8502 N. St. Michaels Road Spokane, WA 99217</p> <p>509-467-0986 x 110</p>
No	Clara House	Mail	***See attached comment***
No	Robert Magler	Mail	***See attached letter***
No	Mary Dominica	Mail	***See attached letter***
No	Mary Agatha Roita	Mail	***See attached letter***
No	Linda Welp	Mail	***See attached letter***
No	Hannah Welp	Mail	***See attached letter***
No	Thomas Adams	Web	Do not allow the sale of Avista to Hydro one. Foreign countries should not be allowed to OWN or have any say so over our utilities companies or have any kind of control over our resources. We don't want any of the problems Hydro One seems to get into have any effect on Avista.. EVER.
No	Mavia Adams	Web	I don't believe that any foreign country should have ownership of U.S. companies or land. Political shake up within the company doesn't show stability. To many people at risk and a strong belief that in 5 years rates will blow up. Political relationship between US and Canada strained. A foreign country making decisions within Montana ...what do the people think? Are they even asked?

			<p>PHONE/RS</p> <p>Our rates are already scheduled for increases, this sale will increase rates further. In Canada they have the highest rates anywhere. Then Canada raised their rates and so many people complained that they were forced to lower rates. Then the company was not doing well so they had to raised rate again. The management is bad there which is telling by the Primer Minister firing the entire board. I read the Toronto newspaper that there are so many complaints about them already the agency that oversees the utilities there said they were deeply in debt. They need billions to repair their infrastructure and maintenance. In order to have a connection with this company is bad. Foreign control by a foreign corporation brings a lot of legal entanglement. We don't know how that would pan out in suits. The purchase is not needed because Hydro-One doesn't have anything to offer that Avista cannot already do for us. There is no reason for this sale other tan money. Avista doesn't need it. I'm one of 600,000 customers and once this sale goes through, the number will jump to 2 million customers. We will not be able to get through to a live person at the company.</p> <p>The coal mine cost will fall on us customers and Hydro-One will have no care to share the cost of the clean ups. Their rates are extremely high. Bigger is not better. When companies get so huge, you lose that personal touch and you lose a lot. You will have to leave a message and no one will get back to you or it will take a week to get a return call.</p> <p>When they talk about financial protection and each customer will receive \$1.37 is a joke. When they say \$30 million sounds like a lot but when it breaks down to \$1.37 per customer, it is simply a joke.</p>
No	Don Mortenson	Web	
No	Nicole South	Mail	***See attached comment***
No	Frances M Callgia	Mail	***See attached letter***
No	Debra	E-mail	<p>NO. Don't allow Avista to be sold</p> <p>Sent from my iPhone</p>

No	Joan Block	E-mail	<p>Hello, I am against the sale of Avista. It's interesting that as of 9:31 AM pacific time on 10/17/18 there has not been one share of Hydro One traded -- not one - ZERO volume. The price is \$14.97. In contrast, Avista is trading at \$51.16 and has volume of 54,728. Not one person wants to own (or sell) Hydro stock. The market is a great indicator and it's saying -KEEP AWAY! I really do not want a foreign country to have any ownership in the utility that supplies my power.</p> <p>Sincerely, Joan Block Kellogg, ID</p>
No	Seth Dubay	E-mail	<p>I don't know how it is possible that us As Americans can be held responsible for a Canadian power companies problem. I disagree with this merger I disagree with the fact that our power rates will increase to a point that the average family living in the Pacific Northwest will be unable to afford their power bill. this is absolutely ludicrous that this merger even went through in the first place. This needs to be stopped effective immediately</p>
No	Patricia Becker	Web	<p>PHONE/RS</p> <p>I don't want it to happen. I am concerned about a foreign company owning our electricity.</p>
No	Sandra O'Doherty	E-mail	<p>Please don't sell Avista to Hydro One.</p> <p>Sandra O'Doherty</p> <p>Sent from my iPad</p>

		<p>Dear Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission staff:</p> <p>My name is Mark Ehlinger and I am writing this email in relation to Hydro One's acquisition of Avista Corp. I read through the supportive UTC staff testimony that was recently posted on the website. Although the testimony discussed some of the potential governance policies that will be enacted by Hydro One, the staff testimony failed to adequately appreciate the fact that the Province of Ontario, through its ownership of Hydro One, has already disregarded many of the existing governance policies by firing the CEO and Board of Directors of Hydro One. Furthermore, new Ontario Premier, Doug Ford, spoke at an event called "Hydro One Accountability and Transparency" and effectively stated he will violate governance policies as he sees fit.</p> <p>"Q: Loriggio: You've said many times – this is for the Premier – that you are pro-business and pro-market but you've now proven that you are willing to interfere quite dramatically with a private company. Is that the message you are sending to private business? They will be taking a strong arm approach for the next four years?</p> <p>Premier Ford: Let's be very clear. Hydro One is not a private company. We are the largest shareholder and our responsibility and the Minister's responsibility is to stand up and speak out for the shareholders. And that is exactly what we have done. As they continue to increase their salaries and people are struggling to pay their hydro rates and as we criss-cross this province and we talk to residents and we talk to business owners the number one issue was hydro rates. It</p>
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Link to event: <https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2018/08/ontario-acts-to-improve-accountability-and-transparency-at-hydro-one.html>

Link to tweet: [https://twitter.com/bowker\\_john/status/1041473437179539456](https://twitter.com/bowker_john/status/1041473437179539456)

To be crystal clear, Premier Ford is looking out for Ontario ratepayers and will have absolutely zero regard for Washington ratepayers. If he needs to raise rates for Washington ratepayers to subsidize Ontario ratepayers, he will clearly not hesitate to do so. Having Premier Ford in control of an Ontario owned public company that will also own a Washington state utility company is dangerous for Washington ratepayers. This transaction is not in the best interest of Washington ratepayers and could lead to disastrous consequences down the road should you approve the transaction. I urge you, for the sake of Washington ratepayers, to reject this transaction.

Respectfully,  
Mark Ehlinger

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No	Brandon	E-mail	Please don't sell our intrest to foreign entities.
No	Elaine V. Bartlett	E-mail	<p>I heartily object to Avista being bought be Hydro One, thus becoming a Canadian utility. If I remember correctly, only Canadian citizens are allowed to buy any Canadian business, property, etc. Why should the United States permit foreign countries to purchase our businesses and properties. Look how many Japanese have bought practically everything in Hawaii; Saudi Arabia so much in California, etc. Please keep Avista a Washington utility. I've lived in Spokane 43 years and saw Washington Water Power sadly become Avista but at least is was ours.</p> <p>Elaine V. Bartlett NYCityGirl42@comcast.net (509) 448-5505</p> <p>6814 South Echo Ridge Spokane, Washington 99224</p>

No	Laurie Anderson	E-mail	<p>I am adamantly against the acquisition of Avista Utilities (HQ in Spokane) by the Canadian company Hydro One.</p> <p>I think it insane that consideration would be given to letting a foreign/Canadian based company, even as close an ally as Canada is, acquire a public utility in the U.S.</p> <p>That's it in a nutshell. Keep our companies owned by US companies. Period.</p> <p>Thank you, Laurie Anderson Spokane, WA 509-389-1033</p> <p>***Second comment from consumer received 10-19-18***</p> <p>I am 100% against the sale of Avista Utilities to a foreign entity, be it Canada or any other nation. Why would we do that? Keep our companies in US hands.</p> <p>Laurie Anderson 3717 E. alderman Lane Spokane, WA 99223 509-389-1033</p>
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<p>No</p>	<p>Christopher Anderson</p>	<p>E-mail</p>	<p>I object to the sale of Avista to Hydro1</p> <p>I object to the sale of local utility Avista to the Canadian firm of Hydro 1.</p> <p>This is a conflict of interest with Avista CEO Scott Morris, who is pushing the sale and will enrich himself by millions of dollars with completion of the merger. Scott Morris is the single largest individual stockholder with over \$10 million worth of stock and will benefit from a reported 20% premium paid over recent trading price of Avista. Furthermore the merger will create a private foundation for Scott and Linda Morris that will get multimillion dollar annual donations from Hydro 1 . Both the Avista Foundation and the Scott and Linda Foundation benefit with little or no public accountability. It raises the question of who will be paid to run the Foundations. Is this just an end around to pay Scott Morris to move the merger forward and receive benefit later thru his Foundation ?</p> <p>This sale takes Avista private and it will no longer be publicly traded nor required to file proxy statements. Transparency will disappear. Any ability of local interests to hold Avista accountable will weaken with the new Canadian ownership.</p> <p>There is no logical or reasonable benefit to the customers of a local utility to move ownership out of the United States.</p> <p>This merger will financially benefit the top 10 executives of Avista while ignoring the needs of the local community. The single biggest need is to be able to access and address local issues without the practices, policies and culture of a foreign country dictating how Avista will operate.</p> <p>Thank you for the chance to comment.</p> <p>Christopher Anderson          5101 E. Glenaire Dr.          Spokane, WA. 99223          509-710-1952</p>
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No	Jim McCoy	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>Since the Province of Ontario owns about 45% of Hydro One, and it has been reported that they will never own less than 40% of it, the management of Hydro One will always be strongly influenced by political realities. This has recently been demonstrated by the Hydro One management changes forced by the Ontario politicians. It is hard to imagine that it could possibly be in the best interest of the United States to allow a foreign governmental entity to have the ability to impact such a large portion of the U.S. power grid. It is even harder to imagine that it could possibly be in the long-term best interest of the citizens of the state of Washington (along with Idaho, Alaska, and Oregon).</p> <p>As a small Avista shareholder, I urge you to rule against the merger.</p> <p>Thank you for taking comments. Jim McCoy</p>
No	Robert L Hoagland	Web	<p>Comment taken over the phone by UTC employee John T. Caller is 81 years old, had an Avista account for a very long time. He does not like the company going to Canada. Would prefer that rate issues remain local.</p>
No	Perry Ames	Web	<p>I do not want a foreign country controlling my power bill. Perry Ames</p>
No	Daniel Jones	Web	<p>A foreign company should not own our local utility. In the long run, this will be bad for customers and the State of Washington.</p>
No	Larry Hanna	Web	<p>It is a complete travesty to consider Hydro One as a buyer for Avista Energy. How can the states of Washington/Idaho even consider a Canadian company to purchase and ruin the electricity network for the northwest USA? Whose interest is served? Hydro One is a business that is operating in the red. Raising electrical rates is speculated in order to the indebtedness of Hydro One as their debt and will be on the backs of Americans for the unforeseen future. This is an obscured idea and should be ended immediately. Why is the selling of Avista to not Americans even being considered. There is simply no logic in this process.</p>

			Customer called in 10/18/2018 at 4P.M. no computer access, asked commission staff, Elizabeth Eskridge to type her comments as follows:
No	Anne Marie King	Web	The customer is against the sale as she does not want Avista to be owned by a foreign company.
No	Eileen Wice	Web	First of all Washington State loses all control over pricing. Second, who believes Canada won't raise rates. Third, too much control for the Canadian government. Fourth, they will gut Avista and then the customers will be on the hook when they do not upgrade the lines, etc. Fifth, Avista is already a monopoly. Thank you
No	Julie Cope	Web	It seems to me that it would be very irresponsible to allow foreign ownership of a utility provider. Given that there has already been one shake-up with Hydro One and the sale hasn't even gone through, there can be no guarantee of additional short or long term issues. Since I don't have a choice in my electric or natural gas provider, you are putting me, and all the other consumers, at risk in the future. What if they decide not to provide services any more, or send the power/gas somewhere else? You may think our regulatory board has control, but what would prevent them from shutting down completely or just cutting us off. PLEASE do not approve this sale, it is not in the best interest of the consumers, just the share holders.
No	Stacy Cossey	Web	What is the reward to the ratepayers of Avista if this merger goes through? zero. What is the risk to the ratepayers of Avista if this merger goes through? potentially 3x higher rates, higher homelessness, higher economic instability. What is the risk of turning control of 13 dams over to a foreign entity? Not a risk I ever thought the WUTC would/could/should ever consider. What is the reward to the Board of Directors of Avista if this merger goes through? \$50 million What is the responsibility of the WUTC to protect the ratepayers? One could only assume ratepayers are the sole responsibility. What is the risk in allowing the ratepayers the opportunity to own their own power and pursue a strategy of a PUD or Co-op buyout? None. Please allow us to do so!!
No	Larry Dubay	Email	***Customer submitted comment in attached Word doc and text in email below***  Please consider the PEOPLE.

No	Margo Beal	Email	<p>I am asking that Coordination of local government with Federal Agencies be imposed on the Sale of Avista.</p> <p>There must be further verification that this sale will Always remain a benefit to the people of Spokane.</p> <p>There are too many ifs in selling to a bankrupted corporation in a foreign country.</p> <p>Why are the board members receiving excess money for this ?</p> <p>What happens if something goes wrong with our Canadian Friends ?</p> <p>Is this wise planning for the future and for the welfare of Spokane.</p> <p>There must be more time for details both short and long term to be fully addressed with satisfaction to this region.</p> <p>Why is Avista donating to the candidate for County Commissioner who is NOT asking for further Accountability from Avista for the sake of his County ??</p> <p>Thank you , Margo Beal</p>
No	Ms. Joann Edwards	Mail	***See attached letter***
No	Ken Robinson	Email	<p>I am currently an Avista customer.</p> <p>I am opposed to the sale of Avista to Hydro One because this places our Hydro-electric power generation resources under the authority of a foreign government.</p> <p>This, in my opinion, should be a U.S. national security concern and should not be allowed.</p> <p>Sincerely, Ken Robinson</p>
No	Daniel Jones	Email	A foreign company should not own our local utility. In the long run, this will be bad for customers and the State of Washington.
No	Unknown	Mail	***See attached letter for comment, commenter did not sign or provide a return address***

No	John Huntley	Email	<p>I oppose this sale. Too many U,S, assets are already owned by foreign nations, and a natural monopoly, like an electric utility company, should never be controlled by foreigners.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my comment..</p> <p>John Huntley</p> <p>P.O. Box 14463</p> <p>Spokane Vly, WA 99214</p>
No	Cindy Zapotocky	In person	<p>***Customer submitted two additional written comments during the 10-24-18 evidentiary hearing.</p> <p>First comment is a hand written letter with the book <i>Where Water Falls</i> by Clarence C. Dill, for a copy of the book see Records Center, it is filed under docket 170970.</p> <p>Second comment is a letter written to the Commissioners for Spokane County from Cindy Zapotocky, Gloria Clark, Dan Clark, Martin Howser, Alene Lindstrand, Shannon Benn, Steve Busch, Glen Morgan, Scott Shock, Cindy Alia, Steve Dunham, and Judy Crowder***</p>
No	James W Lee	In person	<p>***See attached letter provided as written comment during the 10-23-18 evidentiary hearing. Committee names in the letter include Michael R. Bell, Kate Burke, Robert S. Chase. John Christina, Rev. Dr. Todd Ekloff, James W. Lee, William Miller, and David Randall***</p>