

Dear Ms Kramer:
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Dear Ms Kramer:

I note that you have written at least two articles on the Avista acquisition by Hydro One, an Ontario, Canada electric distribution company. I ask why none of your articles show awareness to happenings and events and displeasures of HydroOne customers in Ontario, nor the energy policies that bring harm to them? Instead your articles choose only to celebrate an apparent "HydroOne victory" in the takeover of Avista, the former Washington Water Power Company that has been a trusted and reliable area electricity provider since late 1880's. The problem I see is that Avista customers seem unprotected from these same happenings and events as Ontarians. I also question why only the price tag of the buyout has been celebrated, while impacts on Avista's customers seem unimportant.

I have attached an article in which I briefly explain the serious problems so far unrevealed locally that could arise with Avista becoming a Hydro One subsidiary. We talked with the Avista government affairs executives two weeks ago at coffee and became even more alarmed that they know nothing about the ghastly happenings with electric power in Ontario, Ontarians' suffering, nor the reasons the Ontario government has chosen this path, and the enforcement powers of the Province, a subject which is well documented in the video, blog, consumer watchdog, and professional literature, but unknown outside Ontario and certainly unknown in the Spokane area. I have abbreviated the situation in my summary as much as possible. However the subject is multi-faceted and complex with a history beginning in the 1990's, so a single Letter to the Editor cannot possibly present even a precis.

I have hesitated for a month or more in sending this to you, but it think it is time that these happenings and facts are widely read so that Avista customers and regulators might confront the company on the events revealed.

The attached document is an "Executive Summary" to a longer (35-page) and fully referenced document (175 references), which I can provide if you request. I have also composed a YouTube video, an hour-plus presentation requested by the Citizens Alliance for Property Rights annual statewide conference in September. I welcome cooperating in a joint article.

Finally, I also question why, someone, a group or a local disinterested delegation or spokesman for customers has not visited Ontario to conduct a due diligence, especially rural Ontario where the impacts I mention are most severe, especially outside natural gas served areas, to gather information on a most significant event in Spokane's history? My referenced articles list several possible contacts. I would volunteer if this could be arranged.

Feel free to call me with questions or to discuss this issue.

Thank you for your attention and with best regards,

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