

## Information Bulletin & Sources – Avista Acquisition by Hydro One (pending)

**Concerned Avista customers can still object to its takeover. HOW: Attend a hearing or write to commissioners at Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission or Commission in your state.**

All Hearings have ended in Washington but not in Idaho or Montana. Washington's deadline to receive comments from the public is May 30, 2018

The takeover of Avista by Ontario's HydroOne is incomplete until each Utility Commission in each of the five states approves--Idaho, Washington, Alaska, Oregon, and Montana. It's now incomplete but Commission hearings are coming soon.

There is time to act if you do not wish electricity rates to rise or be controlled by a foreign government.

You can sway opinions by submitting your objection. To object lodge comments with your state Utility Commission (addresses below). *You need only say "I object to HydroOne acquiring Avista Corp."*

If you do not submit an opinion, the Commission will presume you Approve. Forward and urge others to act.

More information.

### ADDRESSES:

Idaho Public Utilities Commission  
P.O. Box 83720 Boise, ID 83720-0074  
472 W. Washington Boise, ID 83702  
Ph: 208.334.0300 Fx: 208.334.3762  
Reference cases: AVU-E-17-09 (electric) and/or AVU-G-17-05 (gas)  
website -- <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/>  
Deadline to receive comments is June 27-2018

Washington Utility and Transportation Commission  
98504-7250, 1300 Evergreen Park Dr SW, Olympia, WA 98502  
[\(360\) 664-1160](tel:3606641160)  
Washington has an online comment form available  
E-mail [comments@utc.wa.gov](mailto:comments@utc.wa.gov)  
website -- <https://www.utc.wa.gov/>

Public Service Commission of Montana  
[Address:](http://psc.mt.gov/) 1701 Prospect Ave, Helena, MT 59601  
[Phone:](tel:4064446199) [\(406\) 444-6199](tel:4064446199)  
website -- <http://psc.mt.gov/>

Oregon Public Utilities Commission  
[Address:](http://www.puc.state.or.us/) 201 High St SE #100, Salem, OR 97301  
[Phone:](tel:5033737394) [\(503\) 373-7394](tel:5033737394)  
website -- [www.puc.state.or.us/](http://www.puc.state.or.us/)

Regulatory Commission of Alaska  
701 W 8th Ave #300, Anchorage, AK 99501  
1-800-390-2782 (outside Anchorage)  
Fax: (907) 276-0160

TTY or Hearing Impaired: (907) 276-4533

Email: [rca.mail@alaska.gov](mailto:rca.mail@alaska.gov) or [cp.mail@alaska.gov](mailto:cp.mail@alaska.gov)

They have an option to submit an online complaint.

Website -- <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/consumerservices.aspx>

## Public hearings:

### ARTICLES:

Articles by Karen Schumacher: <http://gemstatepatriot.com/blog/author/karen-schumacher/>

#### 1. **Canada now owns part of Idaho**

<http://gemstatepatriot.com/blog/canada-now-owns-part-idaho/>

Articles by David Boleneus: <http://gemstatepatriot.com/blog/author/david-boleneus/>

#### 1. **The Seriousness of the Hydro One Purchase of Avista**

<http://gemstatepatriot.com/blog/hydro-one-purchase-avista/>

#### 2. **Links for Eye Opening Info on Ontario's Hydro One You Should Know BEFORE they Own Avista**

<http://gemstatepatriot.com/blog/hydro-one-avista>

#### 3. **Should Avista become Hydro One**

<https://redoubtnews.com/2018/01/avista-corp-become-hydro-one/>

Link includes 2 page summary article with 25 references, 35 page article and YouTube video recorded at East Meets West Conference in Ellensburg WA, September 2017

#### 4. **Fact Sheet: Why Stop the HydroOne and Ontario Control of Avista**

Submitted to [www.gemstatepatriot.com](http://www.gemstatepatriot.com) (in press)

Article by Cindy Zapotocky: <http://gemstatepatriot.com/blog/author/cindy-zapotocky/>

#### 1. **Please stop the sale of Avista utility to HydroOne**

<http://gemstatepatriot.com/blog/avista-utility-hydro-one/>

Article by Shari Dovale

#### 1. **Will Avista SKYROCKET your electric rates?**

<https://redoubtnews.com/2018/04/avista-skyrocket-electric-rates/>

Article by Brady Yauch, Energy Probe International in Toronto, Ontario,

#### 1. **Ontario electricity rates fastest rising in North America.** Op-Ed Ontario electricity rates rising

fastest in North America -- appeared in Toronto Sun

<https://ep.probeinternational.org/2016/03/01/ontario-electricity-rates-fastest-rising-in-north-america/>

#### 2. **Ontario's Auditor General slams the Provinces' pending cap and trade fiasco**

Ontario's Auditor General tells the public what's really going to happen when the province introduces its cap and trade program. Hint: it's not pretty.

<https://ep.probeinternational.org/2016/12/02/ontarios-auditor-general-slams-the-provinces-pending-cap-and-trade-fiasco/>

More articles can be found at:

ENERGY PROBE <https://ep.probeinternational.org/>  
and StopTheseThings [www.Stopthesethings.com](http://www.Stopthesethings.com)

[Articles at stopthesethings.com](http://www.stopthesethings.com)

**1. Ontario obsession: How Wynne's wind power cult wrecked once prosperous province**

<https://stopthesethings.com/2018/04/06/ontario-obsession-how-wynnes-wind-power-cult-wrecked-once-prosperous-province/>

**2. Ontario's Wind Power Obsession Punishing Thousands: 390,000 Families Struggling to Pay Power Bills & 58,000 Disconnected; 390,--- families in electric bill arrears, unable to pay**

<https://stopthesethings.com/2018/01/17/ontarios-wind-power-obsession-punishing-thousands-390000-families-struggling-to-pay-power-bills-58000-disconnected/>

**3. Ontario's Water Wars: Wind Turbine Construction Turns Underground Water to Toxic Sludge**

<https://stopthesethings.com/2018/03/29/ontarios-water-wars-wind-turbine-construction-turns-underground-water-to-toxic-sludge/>

**4. Why Ontario Suffers the Highest Power Costs in North America**

<https://stopthesethings.com/2016/11/14/wind-power-why-ontario-suffers-the-highest-power-costs-in-north-america/>  
and video--?

[YouTube videos](#)

**1. Outrage grows over rising electricity rates in rural Ontario**

Ontarians are faced with decision of putting food on the table or turning on the lights. There is growing outrage in rural Ontario after a **Global News investigation revealed soaring electricity rates are pushing families into poverty.**

Shirlee Engel reports....<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5IYT8MDsrp0>

**2. Pembroke man with giant bill from HydroOne, slapped with \$9,000 penalty.** HydroOne requires a \$6,000 security deposit or customer risks having electricity cut off.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CDvuqqcobOg>

**3. By David Boleneus' presentation at Avista/Hydro One Townhall in Coeur d'Alene ID- hosted by NWPOA.** Presentation on the serious consequences of Avista being purchased by Hydro One. April 11, 2018

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E0n3l5s19Os>

Three articles to supplement this talk are comments submitted to Idaho Public Utility Commission, including short summary, long form comments and his powerpoint slides available at....

<http://www.nwpoa.org/> ...just go to the bottom of page

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**4. David Boleneus' presentation at CAPR 10: September 30, 2017 Second Annual "East Meets West"** Regional Conference, hosted by Citizens' Alliance for Property Rights (Ellensburg, WA)

See more recent update of this talk on April 11, 2018

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=thhgOWqsS24>

**5. David Boleneus' presentation** at Townhall, Spokane Valley Library (On Main W. of Pines Av.), April 29, 2018. Review summary "Fact Sheet" (item 4 on page 2) concerning Avista-HydroOne proposed merger

**6. David Boleneus guest** of Rep. Matt Shea Show on KTW radio 1040 am, May 3, 2018 420-450 PM Live broadcast

**7. VERY SIGNIFICANT—Parliamentarian Vernile** tells who will operate Avista and set your rates (hint: it's not Avista and not Washington):

Ontario's Member of Parliament Daiene Vernile in this YouTube video **promises that Ontario will control all decisions of HydroOne, its board of directors, veto power, regulatory controls, set electric rates to serve Ontario's interests.**

YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TALKLwaonfi>

Steve Busch' blog - Wildlife expert and private property aficionado

**THE HYDRO ONE – AVISTA UTILITIES DEAL- "Lunatic Fringe, I know You're Out There!"**

<https://oldmanoftheski.com/2018/04/24/the-hydro-one-avista-utilities-merger-lunatic-fringe-i-know-youre-out-there/>

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