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I favor the proposed sale of Avista to Hydro One.

Because one of my main concerns is what we can do to reduce or mitigate the impacts of climate change, I am particularly pleased that this sale involves ending Avista's use of coal-fired energy from the Colstrip Plant in 2027. I hope that upon further examination, Hydro One will decide that Colstrip can be taken out of the mix earlier than 2027 (this afternoon would be ok by me).

I also applaud the commitments made to:

1. Renewable energy
2. Low-income assistance
3. Electric vehicle charging stations, and
4. Home energy audits

There are, however, some items that the commission needs to address:

1. Avista/Hydro One have not agreed to set a closure date for the plant.

They need to set a date.

2. Avista/Hydro One needs to contribute adequately to a designated fund for environmental cleanup and remediation, including plant decommissioning and demolition.