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Re-Avista - Docket # 0170970

Dear Sirs

We have been reading information that Avista and Hydro One have proposed a merger under which Avista would become a subsidiary of Hydro-One.

Definition of "subsidiary" - a Company whose controlling interest is owned by another Company; supplement; subordinate to

Avista info: - Washington law requires the merger to produce concrete benefits for customers in order to receive Commission approval

Questions ① What problems would there be with Hydro One being Canadian and Avista being a United States entity? -

② How long until all kinds of changes?

Seems to me, that there are plenty of "loopholes" for businesses to "jump thru" in our state of Washington and in Idaho and Oregon and Montana and Alaska, without adding "what ifs" for Canadian regulations, too

I have yet to see any concrete benefits of a merger for Avista customers

Avista, formerly "Washington Water Power", has a huge legacy to uphold. They have done a good job for many years.

To become a subsidiary of a company in another country leaves me asking - Why??

① Who is benefitting the most?

② How long until no "Avista" in Spokane?

③ Who has control of the "electric grid"?

Really!! How long until major changes?

They say "no work force reductions are anticipated as a result of this transaction"

- I'm not convinced yet -

There have been business mergers where the buyers company says to the acquired -

"Welcome to the conglomerate" -

"you're all fired" - Oops -

A lot of "Oops" and many people are out of work!

(my husband was on the receiving end of this some years ago. - but a different company)

At this moment, my feelings on this proposed merger between HydroOne + Avista is not the right thing to do. So I say no to the merger.

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