

4-17-18 Enclosed below is a copy of the letter that I sent to
#1 Idaho Comm. I would like you folks to have copy to read.
Thank you.
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Members of Idaho Public Utilities Commission,

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I am proud to be an Avista Corp retiree.

I do not have a computer so I am relying on current Avista employees for much of my information.

If some info. is incorrect it is not purposely done.

I have concerns about the sale of Avista to Hydro One, a Canadian Co. Are we selling a part of the USA?

Is the name Hydro One misleading? One would assume it a utility with water, dams, and generation. Is this true? I was told that Hydro One is more of a power broker than a utility.

As for a 100 plus year old company, it is my understanding that it has been a stand alone company since 2015, and are there already legal actions towards them? Have there already been orders by regulators to cut administrative budgets by 30 million & question concerning excessive bonuses to top executives?

Do you as a P.U.C. lose some authority or control as Hydro One is Canadian?

My concern is that Avista could be the goose that has the Golden Egg. It has irreplaceable water, dams, generation, and infrastructure in the U.S. What happens in 2 to 3 years if Hydro One lets it be known to lets say China that they have a U.S. utility that they may be persuaded to sell at a 400% profit, would you rather have the distraction of owning a utility for the 1 1/2% higher allowed revenue in the U.S. than in Canada (if correct)? Lets say China buys.

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↓ If that were to happen how much authority or control would you as a Commission?

Could an overseas buyer say I bought from a Canadian Co & now own what used to be (I don't know what their previous name was)

You try to regulate. Could they tell you not interested, get another utility to serve current Avista customers. How would that turn out?

I worked hard & gave up my health for my Avista retirement. Do I feel I slipping a few years from now?

Again I say the info in this letter of concern is primarily 2nd hand info. & if incorrect I do not wish to defame anyone or company, but the possibility of an out of Country Co buying & flipping is food for thought. Especially to another out of Country Co.

Proud to be Avista.

Thank You,

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