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Comment_description: Avista is my natural gas and electric provider. I feel they are not justified in seeking a rate increase in natural gas or electric rate (Case # AVU-E-03-06 also) for the following reasons.

1. Gas and electricity are a necessity, not a luxury.
2. I believe rate increases are to line the pockets of stockholders. Who are the stockholders? They are the people rich enough to buy stock, etc, at the expense of others.
3. Utility rates should be approached on a cost only premise. Stock and other financil instruments (funny money) are a profit based premise that wants to maximize profits at any cost. This can be viewed as a form of extortion.
4. Rate increases also go to pay for salary increases and employee benefits. The larger the salary, the larger the increase when so often the increase is based on a percentage. CEOs and others can never justify their salaries, bonuses, etc.
5. Employee work habits need improving.
6. How many times over must the consumer pay for the same infrastructure?

There has been a lot of fraud, waste, and abuse over the life of utility companies. Many of the people that work for utility companies need to learn what it means to be thankful just to have a job, starting with the people at the top!! And zero tolerance for lack of prosecution and restitution (pay it all back) needs to be applied.

PS - Funny money and corporate take overs have crippled America more than you will ever realize. Come judgement day, how will you justify to God all your injustices???

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