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To Whom It May Concern:

I fully understand the desire of AVISTA to pass along 100% of the increased costs of utilities provided to customers. I neither understand nor support any significant additional increases in rates beyond the Federally recognized cost of living increase percentage each year. My Social Security does not go up 20-24% this year! My wife's pay raises are limited to 2% this year. I oppose any increases in the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's response to AVISTA.

When and if the government increases Social Security 10 percent, government/military salaries 10 percent and Idaho employers raise salaries 10 percent—Then AVISTA should be allowed a 10 percent increase.

I spent too many years trying to live on an Idaho teacher's salary which was pathetically low, even compared to neighboring states' pay scales, to agree that any utility would be entitled to such a large increase!

Print Name MAJOR HAROLD WHITCOMB

Sign Name Harold Whitcomb

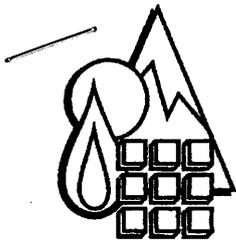
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The rate hike Avista is seeking seems extreme. My husband and I are middle class, and we find it harder and harder to pay our bills. Since my husband was laid off from his job at Kaiser Aluminum, our income has gone down substantially. It took him a year to find another job and it pays \$20,000 per year less than what he used to receive. I also get paid \$5,000 per year less, since the job I found when we had to move for him to get a job, pays that much less than the one I had before. At the same time, other expenses are skyrocketing; gasoline, health care expenses, dairy products. Avista should cut their frills just like we have had to. Our income is not going up and neither should theirs.

Print Name Robanna Carver Brosten Sign Name [Signature] Address 626 9th Ave. Phone Number (208) 746-3532 City and State Lewiston, ID 83501

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Case: AVU-E-04-01
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Street Address: 1127 14th Ave
City: Lewiston
State: ID
ZIP: 83501
Home Telephone:
E-Mail:

Company: Avista Utilities
mailing_list_yes_no: no

Comment_description: Regarding the proposed rate hike for Avista, which would increase rates IN ADDITION to the previous increase which was supposed to be short-term and end this year, but won't if Avista's request is approved - the increasing burden of customers to cover costs unrelated to the service they receive is UNFAIR.

Increased gas and electric rates would have a negative impact on a large number of low- and fixed-income households. There is less funding available for social service agencies to assist with utility costs, and many people are being turned away from assistance now. What will this look like with this increase adding more households to list of those needing assistance just to pay their power bill?

Please deny Avista's request for a rate increase.

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City: Lewiston
State: Idaho
ZIP: 83501

Home_Telephone: 208-750-9527
E-Mail: annetteb@lewiston.com
Company: Avista Utilities

Comment_description: I have a great concern over having an increase in our electricity. I work with many, many people that are seeking assistance to help pay their Avista bill. They can't afford what it costs now and agencies that assist don't have the funds to increase the assistance. I am working full time and I can barely pay my bill each month. It would put a definite strain on me to pay more. It is hard to imagine the strain on our clients that do not have the money to pay what they are now charged. I do not want to see an increase.

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