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P.O. Box 257
Pattatch, W. 83855
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IDAHO PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION
Idaho Public Utility Comm.

Re: Avista's request for another
request to rob the Idaho consumers.

We, myself, my family 15 different
households and many, many others
are requesting that you deny this
request - it would be a morally resp-
onsible decision.

Another raise in rates would
leave us less fortunate individuals
colder & hungrier. We are furious
with Avista's greediness - let them
take care of their own financial
problems like we have to.

A cut in officials' salaries
would help them greatly. How dare
an Avista official say to the inter-
viewer on Channel 6 TV that they
are doing all they can for consumers!

Please!! for the poor in Idaho
deny Avista's request. Protect
our own citizens!!!

Eva McAllister

✓ Main Ack
sent 2/23/05

✓ To Commms
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AVU-E-05-1

Jean Jewell

From: Front
Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2005 8:23 AM
To: Jean Jewell
Subject: FW: Complaint acknowledgement

-----Original Message-----

From: Ed Howell
Sent: Monday, February 21, 2005 12:21 PM
To: Front; Beverly Barker; Ed Howell; Tonya Clark
Subject: Complaint acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Monday, February 21, 2005
12:20:37 PM

Name: Keith D. Washburn
Street_Address: 409 S. Almon
City: Moscow
State: Idaho
ZIP: 83843
Home_Telephone: 509 336 1740
Work_Telephone:
E-Mail: skeets_18@hotmail.com
Home_Business: Home
Business_Name:
Business_Street_Address:
Business_Phone:
Complaint_Company: Avista utillities
Local_Provider:
Contacted_utility: No
Complaint_description: This e-mail is concerning Avistas application for an extention of thier current rate hike. It is too much, too long of a duration and I can't afford it. I have been forced to live on ramen noodles all winter because I have to pay so much for gas and electricity.

Transaction ID: 2211220.37
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✓ Gene is responding

✓ To A.V.

*✓ To Commms
jH*

Jean Jewell

From: Ed Howell
Sent: Monday, February 21, 2005 5:24 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Monday, February 21, 2005
5:23:38 PM

Case: AVU-E-05-1
Name: Todd Sudick
Street Address: 1817 Riverside Rd.
City: Priest River
State: Idaho
ZIP: 83856
Home Telephone: 208-448-2407
E-Mail: tsudick@netw.com
Company: Inland
mailing_list_yes_no: yes

Comment description: The building of gas power generators in N. Idaho and elsewhere is done under false pretenses. The power companies will tell the citizens and the PUC that it's a "must have" in order to prevent the shortage of power in Idaho and the Northwest. In fact there is no regional power shortage. All of the dams on the Snake River/Columbia River/Pend Oreille River/Clark Fork River and Lake Kococanusa provide more output than the region can use. The shortage is an artificial one. Most of the power generated by BPA is sold to brokers. These brokers, along with the power companies can and do resell this electricity to power companies out of the region (mostly to California). If they can buy power at 2.4-3.0 cents/Kw/Hr and resell it to California for 12-14 cents/Kw/Hr the margins are greater than in Idaho. Even the owners of Kaiser Aluminum got into the act. They shut down their smelter in Spokane, WA because they made more money selling their BPA power allotment of electricity than they would of made operating the plant. Where do you think the power is going to go from any additions to Coyote II? Where do you think the power goes from the existing Coyote II? It goes to the grid where the power may (and probably does) go out of state. It's cheaper to build a power plant in the Northwest than elsewhere and you can't build one in California at all. The Grand Coulee Dam was authorized by Congress in the mid thirties for three reasons; 1. to control flooding along the Columbia River 2. to provide a supply of electricity to help develop the Pacific Northwest 3. to provide irrigation to central Washington State. Nowhere in the Congressional mandate does it specify that it was to bail out California at the expense of the Pacific Northwest Region. Yet in 1993, 43% of the power generated by Grand Coulee Dam went to California. The amount has increased since then. In the seventies, the Northwest Power Council told us all that we had to build three nuclear reactors to fend off a looming power shortage. We in the Pacific Northwest are still paying for that disaster in our power bills. In the end, only one reactor was built and the NWPC had to admit, there was no shortage. It's time the power generated in the Pacific Northwest satisfy out needs first and any excess is then sold out of region. California has refused to build any new power plants for it's ever expanding population. In recent history California has shut down 4 nuclear power plants in San Onofre, Sacramento and the mid coast. Instead of building more capacity, it has turned to out of state producers to make up any shortfalls. BPA has, in the past, sold more power than it can produce and ends up buying from Canada at a higher rate. This higher rate is passed on to the residents and businesses in our area. In effect we are subsidizing California's power bill. FERC has entered the fray and it seems like it's goal is to even out power rates across the US. What do you think 14 cent/Kw/Hr or higher power rates would do to the residents, businesses and the economy of Idaho. It's time Idaho and it's sister states called a halt to this farce and cause a change in how we are treated by BPA, the Federal Government and the power companies. Why should our aquifers suffer so that someone in California can have cheaper electricity. In addition, the just presented Federal Budget would allow BPA to charge the "going rate" for power not the cost of production. What is the "going rate"? The Idaho PUC website has even gotten into the propaganda mode. They are telling citizens that "prices have surged from .15/Kw/Hr to \$3.00/Kw/Hr (I'm not kidding-read the PUC site under the flashing bulb

under Power Myths). They blame deregulation for rising rates even though deregulation was supposed to bring down power costs through competition. It's a no vote from me for any additions to Coyote II

Todd Sudick

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