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Comment_description: I've studied the information sent in the billing by Avista regarding their rate change request over their recent acquisition of the 2nd 1/2 of the Coyote Springs generation facility.

1st-It seems a bit misleading as they suggest there is no rate impact (trading 1.9% of the current 4.4% PCA surcharge for the 1.9% increase in the base rate. What we don't hear or see is if the 1.9% reduction in the PCA is a PERMENANT reduction. If not this is a bit of a shell game as the base rate increase of 1.9% is certainly permanent.

2nd- If Avista is keeping the same overall rates, but moving some the permanent rate base, why are we to incur an additional 12 months of surcharge at the reduced 2.5%? All monies are being recovered in one form or another. We residential rate payers stand to get "poked in the eye" by Avista again.

3rd- Has the IPUC ever looked at all of Avista's various "books?" Having lived in many places in the U.S. I have found one commonality: All private utilities keeps more than one set of "books." There is one for the stockholders; another for the utility commissions from which to request rates by; sometimes a third for their bankers and credit lines extenders. Seems to me we as rate payers should be able to expect that our PUC sees ALL the material from Avista; not just what they want you to see.

Thank You,

Wendell Wardell

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