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Dear Sirs;

IDAHO PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

I am very concerned over the matter of Avista Utilities wanting to have a 12% rate hike again!!! I am voicing my concern because I am a small business owner in Moscow, Id. & I cannot, repeat cannot afford it. They might not know were in a recession but everyone else does. If they want new equipment then let them wait just like the rest of us have to wait for anything new. Like President Obama said, we all have to do our part to make out during this dire time. I have to pay 2 gas bills & 2 electric bills every month &

it's outrageous!!! I am getting so tired
of corporate greed!!! Please do not let
them in God's name have another tax
hike. They just had one in Dec. 08.
It is your job to the people of ~~the~~ who
to be fair & do the right thing for
our State. There are so many elderly
people, college students & single families,
single people & business owners who cannot
afford the 12% rate hike that there
asking for. Tell them to cut back
on there wages or the pay raises
or there 401K & see how they like
it and how they adjust by going
from paycheck to paycheck. We as
a state & a community have to cut
back on a lot of things that we
have or cannot have because we

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cannot afford extra's right now.
So people can get by in these
rough times - they have enough
problems without Avista's greed
to make another problem in there
lives. Just say NO -

Do the right thing for the people
of our great State of Idaho &
not let them have that 12%
hike, please !!!

Sandra L. Weeks

Remember, Mister Gov. of Id. when
election's rolls around again we will
remember if you let them have
that hike! Do the right thing

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IDAHO PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

To: The Idaho Public Utility Commission

Subject: Avista rate increases

To whom it may concern :

Avistas latest rate hike raised my power bill around \$100.00 higher than last years bill for the same time period . It's time they learned to budget their finances like the rest of us have to do . My wife is the bread winner in our household . She works for one of our areas largest employers Thorne Research . Every year except last year Thorne gave yearly raises and Thorne also dropped its Christmas bonuses by around 35% . My wife's Christmas bonus was over \$500.00 less than last year . Our country has just had over 100,000 lay-offs in the last few months with more to come . In the area I live in a few employers have given their employees the option of taking a reduced wage or looking for a new job . In this financial climate we all have to make do with less . It's just not right that Avista continues to get rate increases in this financial climate . I heard a few days ago , on our local news channel , that they had already ask for another rate increase . This madness has to stop . I remember some years back Avista let go of the man that changed the company name from Pacific Power to Avista . Letting this person go cost the company over 7 million dollars . This is the worst managed company in the world bar none . Avista needs to tighten its belt and stop taking advantage of it's rate payers . They can not be allowed to continue to write themselves a blank check at rate payers expense every time they have a problem . It's time the fat cats at Avista went on a diet .

Signed :



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Idaho Public Utilities Commission
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0074

Cc: Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden

Dear Sirs;

Once again the Avista Co. is asking for another rate increase and as you people always seem to go along with whatever they want, you will okay the increase.

It is beyond my comprehension how you grant the increases when the economy is so badly at this time. The Avista Co. has just received a rate increase, which they seem to get each year. Unbelievable!!!! This last rate has raised our utility bills as much as \$10.00 per month. I know of people in the Silver Valley alone that are having to decide how they will keep warm, eat and take medications. Some are giving up one or two of the items. This should not be.

It would be great if just once Avista had to prove all the reasons they claim is what causes rate hikes. They are not truthful. It would be very interesting to know if any of the CEO's are taking pay cuts, probably not.

The Attorney General for the State of Washington is appealing Avista's request for rate increases, can't help but wonder what our Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden is doing about this matter.

There are a lot of unhappy Idaho People, some are jobless and many are on fixed incomes. One wonders why are the folks in these agencies not looking out for the little guy. It is time for your agency to step up and do the right thing and deny these rate increases.

We are also hoping our Idaho Attorney General, Lawrence Wasden takes some action regarding this matter

We also believe the top executives along with the CEO should take a cut in their salaries and let this be known to Avista Customers. Every rate increase granted is a cut in our take home pay. We are aware that Avista must get some rate increases to stay solvent, but there must a limit to these approvals.

Yours truly,

Jennith E. Branstetter
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Jean Jewell

From: bullockruth@hotmail.com
Sent: Monday, February 09, 2009 3:59 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from ruth bullock follows:

Case Number: AVU-E-09-01/AVU-G-09-01
Name: ruth bullock
Address: 224 riversong lane
City: priest river
State: ID
Zip: 83856
Daytime Telephone: 2084483409
Contact E-Mail: bullockruth@hotmail.com
Name of Utility Company: avista
Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

Since Avista and other utilities are allowed to petition for rate increases, I too would like to petition for a rate adjustment:
On behalf of Avista subscribers, I petition the Utilities Commission to lower the electric rate of Avista. The rates they are charging now are hurting those of us who are struggling to get by and save our homes. Everyone is affected. Please consider lowering their rates by at least 15%. Thank you.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 148.78.37.221
