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A Comment from Tracy Dixon follows:

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Once again, Avista has let me down. When the economy tanks, they decide it's time for another major increase. Wages are frozen or cut, and jobs are lost and they feel it is time to invest in their 92-year old infrastructure. It is important to invest in infrastructure, but maybe small increases every year instead of back to back large increases that total better than 20%. Whose income has increased enough to cover that? They have also used the excuse that this increase has to cover the fact that Clearwater Paper isn't generating as much electricity-a weak argument, since when they first announced this increase, it was not known that Clearwater Paper wasn't going to generate as much power. The fact of the matter is that Avista is just like every other corporation in the US-the consumer is not their concern, but CEO's, boards of directors and shareholders are. The sad part about it is that unlike other corporations, consumers can switch brands and price shop-we are stuck with the utility company in the area in which we live and are at the mercy of the Utility Commission. Avista is out of line asking for this much of a rate increase this close to the last increase and when consumers are already stretched thin. I would hope that the IPUC listen to the bulk of the consumers that have filed a complaint and decide accordingly.

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