

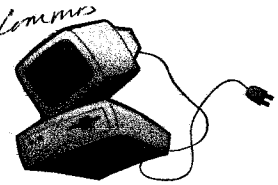


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Timothy P. Dorgan
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406 Lapwai St.
Winchester, ID. 83555-0027
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March 25, 2010

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

AVU-E-10-01 / AVU-G-10-01

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IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to you regarding the proposed rate increase for Idaho customers of Avista Utilities. I moved to Winchester in mid 1994, at that time electrical service was provided by Washington Water Power. In late 1999 Washington Water Power was purchased by Avista Utilities. For the past 16 years I have kept a careful record of my electrical usage.

Beginning in 1995, I began to make improvements in my home toward reducing my consumption of electrical power. These improvements included insulation, insulated doors, insulated windows, storm doors, and energy saving appliances. These improvements have allowed me to reduce my electrical energy consumption by 8%.

Since Avista has been supplying electrical power, a ten-year period from the year 1999 through 2009, the cost of my electrical energy has increased 74.5%. I cannot believe that Avista's cost of doing business has risen to that degree.

I am attaching a copy of one of my spread sheets documenting my electrical consumption and costs over the last 15 years. I also have a spread sheet that shows electrical consumption and costs by the month for the same period if you are interested.

I am retired, and as I am sure you are aware, I will not receive any cost of living increase this year nor next year, thanks to a Congress that gave themselves a \$5,000.00 a year raise. I could not determine the salary of Avista's top management this year, but a couple of years ago it was posted on the web and the CEO was receiving more than five million dollars a year. If Avista needs more operating funds, I suggest they look inward. They keep asking their customers to reduce their electrical consumption and they keep asking Utility Commissions to allow them higher rates. Why?

For these reasons I am asking you, the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, to deny any rate increase for Avista Utilities. And I am going on record as opposed to any increase for Avista. I know the Commission must look at both sides of any issue and that your job is to protect the public and the utility companies. But please keep in mind that the public never comes before you asking for a rate reduction of any utility company. We just do our best to reduce our consumption and costs as we are able.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy P. Dorgan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Timothy P. Dorgan

*Cc's; Sen. Leland Heinrich
Rep. Ken Roberts
Rep. Paul Shepherd*

Attachment

My Electric Service Cost

YEAR	Watts Used	4 Year Average	Cost	4 Year Average	Composite Rate	4 Year Average	
1995	12,090		\$566.68		\$0.04687		Cost Increase Under W W P Utilities
1996	12,240		\$565.20		\$0.04618		
1997	12,250	12,258	\$538.80	\$554.88	\$0.04398		
1998	12,450		\$548.85		\$0.04687	Watts 12,258	-0.004%
Avista Utilities purchases Washington Water Power Rates locked for one year							
1999	12,090		\$553.13		\$0.04575		
2000	13,230		\$669.22		\$0.05058		
Avista Loses \$24 million when Bonneville deregulates							
2001	12,030	4 Year Average	\$630.99	4 Year Average	\$0.05245		Cost Increase Under Avista Utilities
2002	12,240	12,100	\$725.96	\$684.45	\$0.05931		
2003	11,860	percent of change	\$711.64	23.35%	\$0.06000	9 Year Average	30.51%
2004	11,140	-1.28%	\$678.58		\$0.06091		32.49%
2005	10,250		\$643.76		\$0.06281	RATE \$0.06220 35.3%	36.61%
2006	9,899		\$621.86		\$0.06282		36.64%
2007	10,489		\$696.86		\$0.06644	Watts 11,282	44.51%
2008	10,480		\$696.03		\$0.06642	-8.0%	44.46%
2009	11,200		\$898.70		\$0.08024		74.53%

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Boise, Idaho

To The PUC of Idaho

I have what I consider
common sense questions
concerning another raise
in electrical and gas rates
for Idaho and Washington
residents and business's
electric would push from
77.95 to 89.35. 11.40
added to our monthly
statements. Gas not as
steep. When some of
these leases were signed
I don't suppose these
CO's would have considered
a longer lease or would
Avista have thought far
enough ahead to implement
a gradual rate raise
over the years. Instead
they hit the user with

one staggering increase
when The Retired Folks
and all families young
and old alike are struggling
with Raising costs (Ins,
groceries gas (auto and diesel)
Banks charging more for
daily handling The snow
ball is rolling faster all
The Time We (Retired)
saw NO cost of living
This year likely NOT
in 2011. Please consider
The people and all the
hardship all of this
is causing A recent Poll
showed 77% of The people
are very dissatisfied with
all the large CO's To
say how we feel about
our countrys leaders
The dumbest statement

I have Recently heard
came from Avista employee
making \$40 plus per hr
and bragging about
it (the wage) its passed
on to the customer How
far can we go with
this attitude

Thank you
Don Greaser
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P.S. Also is it Idaho
residents fault that we
don't have the large
CO's (such as Boeing) and its
putting a burden on them
because they are large
users yet they show
huge P&L's at yr's end

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✓ To A.V.

✓ To Comments
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Jean Jewell

From: vandal1mike@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2010 8:13 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Mike Smith follows:

Case Number: avu-e-10-01
Name: Mike Smith
Address: 1911 white ave #5
City: moscow
State: Idaho
Zip: 83843
Daytime Telephone: 208-882-6309
Contact E-Mail: vandal1mike@yahoo.com
Name of Utility Company: Avista utilities Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

I am a man with cerebral palsy, on a fixed income and can't afford these rate increases. A 14.5% increase may not sound like much to you but it is a big difference to me. I try to keep the bill down and Avista wants to raise it so that all the trouble I go to to keep it down is for nothing. I am strongly against this rate increase.

Thank You
Mike Smith

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 76.178.163.40

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Jean Jewell

From: mlivengoods@aol.com
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2010 7:21 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Michael Livengood follows:

Case Number:
Name: Michael Livengood
Address: 2008 Powers Drive
City: Lewiston
State: Idaho
Zip: 83501
Daytime Telephone: 208-746-5218
Contact E-Mail: mlivengoods@aol.com
Name of Utility Company: Avista
Add to Mailing List:

Please describe your comment briefly:

This latest petition for a rate increase in Idaho is just plain 'OUTRAGEOUS'!!!!!! You as a commission need to say 'NO' to this next bunch of salary increases for Avista CEO's. The economy of this country and our State does not need to punish its citizens by executing their finances. The price of gasoline is killing most of the people's budgets.

Every time you turn around, Avista asks for more money. The well has run dry, people. It is time to let them know that this is not going to 'fly'. Most working and retired folks in our State are already feeling the 'hit' of our national economy. These greedy utility companies don't care. They continually cause deeper financial woes on people who can't hardly make ends meet now. Enough is enough!!!

Avista wants your last dollar and doesn't care how they get it from you. Idahoans need to quit dishing out for this type of robbery. Avista will ask for another '\$10 or \$20 bucks a month three months from now!!

Please! I beg you --- say 'NO'! People are getting real tired of 'bending over' every time Avista asks for more. I say 'B--- S---!!!!!!

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IP address is 24.116.77.248

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Jean Jewell

From: pearlma13@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2010 8:07 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Ann Tully follows:

Case Number: avu-e-10-01
Name: Ann Tully
Address: 425 indian hills dr
City: Moscow
State: Idaho
Zip: 83843
Daytime Telephone: 208-882-4908
Contact E-Mail: pearlma13@yahoo.com
Name of Utility Company: Avista utilities Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

I am completely against this increase, I pay between \$150-\$300 a month for electric with \$10 being just for the privilege of keeping my children warm in the winter and cool in the summer. This increase would have me paying \$30-\$40 extra a month plus an additional \$2.15 just for basic. I am sure I am not the only one who has a problem with this rate hike and I am very upset that Avista is trying to get away with this. Yes I could say just shut off my electric and not have heat, hot water for bathing, a way to keep meat and dairy from spoiling, not have many of the essentials for raising healthy and educated children. I am outraged that in this economic time that they would monopolize the market and essentially say get electric from us or don't have it.

Thank you for your time
Ann

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Jean Jewell

From: bcparsley@aol.com
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2010 11:50 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Christine Parsley follows:

Case Number: AVU-E-10-01
Name: Christine Parsley
Address: 246 Jerrys Way
City: Sagle
State: ID
Zip: 83860
Daytime Telephone: 208-290-7875
Contact E-Mail: bcparsley@aol.com
Name of Utility Company: Avista Utilities Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

I am against this rate increase. Avista has increased our rates so many times and it is adding up to a hefty amount. With the economy being the way it is, I believe the IPUC should not authorize this increase. I believe Avista could find ways to cut their costs and save or conserve in their business as they keep telling us, the consumers, to do. We conserve more and more to try to keep our bill to where we can afford it and, in turn, they just keep raising and raising our rates. We, the consumers, can only conserve so much. It is time for Avista to start conserving, initiate wage freezes, etc. as so many other businesses and entities are having to do. Please do NOT let them increase our rates again. Thank you!
Christine Parsley

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IP address is 12.169.191.202