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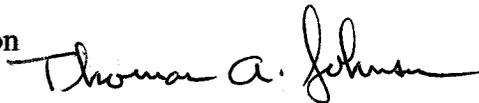
To whom it may concern,

I was going to write a long letter stating our reasons for you to totally reject Avista Utilities annual, or even semi-annual, request for raising their rates, but I am also aware that what people write is likely to be an entire waste of their time and yours. If we seem a little doubtful of your ability to control Avista's requests, that is probably true. But having stated that, just Avista's request for a fifty cent increase in their basic rate seems at first glance a reasonable request, until one realizes that it is in fact a 10% increase all on its own. An automatic 10% increase in that ~~part~~ of their income, pretty good deal if one can get it.

Every year it is the same, we need more they say, even though they made more profit this past year than ever before if my memory serves me right. How about for a change you just say no to much of it, and have them live within their means just like the rest of us (especially retired) have to do. These are tough times, but evidently not if one is in the utility business, and the commissions that serve them kowtow to their requests automatically.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Johnson



Diane E. Johnson



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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to ask that great attention be given to Avista's request for ANOTHER rate hike for Idaho consumers of electricity. If, as I have read, the company's equipment and transmission lines are in such dire straits that another rate increase is needed, why has not Avista been maintaining its facilities sufficiently in prior years that everything doesn't wear out at the same time?

As a retiree (and a widow) trying to live on a very modest income, I can hardly afford to pay my electricity bill now. It has gone steadily up over the past couple of years, and yet I have been replacing my energy inefficient appliances as fast as possible and using the new long-life bulbs with mercury in them that don't give out as much light as the old incandescents. I also have a soapstone wood heating stove in my basement to supplement the electric heat that Farm Home insisted my husband and I have installed in this house when we built it in 1972. In addition, we upgraded the insulation years ago, and a contractor inspected it last year and said it is very adequate.

Enough is enough!

Avista seems to care more for its shareholders' profits and paying outrageously high salaries to its executives than it does to serving ratepayers fairly. But this is what I think, not what I know! Please use your position to examine the facts and make your judgment accordingly. Every entity like Avista seems to want more, more, more dollars all the time, but I don't have the means to give more. And I am not yet ready and willing to die to solve the predicament!

If at all possible, please say no to Avista this year.

Sincerely,



Marylyn Cork

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TO: IDAHO PUBLIC COMMISSION
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FROM: Ralph A. Wheeler

Avista Utilities proposes to increase gas and electric rates (2.8 percent for gas & 3.5 percent for electric). I have noted substantial increases in Boar of Directors cost, CEO's, and other employee's cost at all levels of the Company. I am retired (79 years of age) and receive an annuity as well as social security as my main income source. I also work as a Forester to supplement my income. I have not received an increase in income for over 3 years and it appears none is in the near future. Nearly ever thing we need to buy, including gas for vehicles, has gone up substantially State, County, and all tax districts are proposing increases in taxes. Something must be done to keep us solvent. I believe Avista needs to cut back on pay and benefits to Board of Directors, Overhead, and Employees at all levels. The Company needs to learn and acquire ways to stay within their income as all of us have to do. Something must be done to keep us solvent. Please hold Avista to present rates or cause them to roll back and cut their cost accordingly.


Ralph A. Wheeler

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Sirs/mesdames!

Last winter, meeting our utility bills from Avista (already an increase not that long ago) posed a tremendous strain on our budgeting our kills! Alarming!

Now, they're back wanting even more? We say "No." [Sorry, by the way—we do not have or use computers.]

Until and unless this utility, Avista exercises its own cutting and restraints—such as its exorbitant salaries enjoyed by top executives,—we say we're very shocked at further requests for increases (from you)! A strange attitude exists from the top-of-the-ladder management.

We strongly suggest, recommend, turning down Avista's latest try at increasing rates on its customers! It will impose impossible strain on customers such as we. Especially during today's times,—and unsure futures! We are retirees, on stringent budget.

Sincerely,
The Joseph Ciska's
11367-N. Alaska Loop
Hayden, Id. 83835

Jean Jewell

From: thatmurphygirl@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2011 11:06 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Dee Miller follows:

Case Number: *AVU-E-11-01*
Name: Dee Miller
Address: P O Box 310
City: Hope
State: Idaho
Zip: 832836-0310
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: thatmurphygirl@gmail.com Name of Utility Company: Avista Utilities
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

This month I notice a 'Basic Charge' of \$5.00 as the last line item entered on my bill. I don't know how long they have been charging this, but this is not right. My bill is over \$40.00 already and there is no reason to have a \$5.00 basic charge in addition to that; my account has been set up for over 6 years already, there is no special processing they are having to do. If that \$40 doesn't cover their costs, then they need to make the effort to recompute their overhead and come up with an accurate way to bill me without adding frivolous 'Basic' charges to my bill for no good reason other than they are trying to avoid going through the standard process of obtaining a rate increase!

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 208.81.157.166

Jean Jewell

From: stevepaint@frontier.com
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2011 9:06 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Steven Thomas Painter follows:

Case Number: AVU-E-11-01
Name: Steven Thomas Painter
Address: 12295 Grand Ave.
City: Orofino
State: Idaho
Zip: 83544
Daytime Telephone: 208 476 5022
Contact E-Mail: stevepaint@frontier.com
Name of Utility Company: Avista
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

I wish to comment on the proposed rate increase that Avista has filed for. I'm 70 years old, on a fixed income, and cannot continue paying the outrageous rates that Avista is foisting on us year after year. I can't understand why in this area with abundant cheap hydro power that they can possibly need more money. There comes a time when the IPUC needs to say no to these regular requests for more money.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 50.37.220.134

Jean Jewell

Sent: Sunday, July 24, 2011 3:57 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from follows:

Case Number: AVU-E-11-01/AVU-G-11-01
Name:
Address:
City:
State:
Zip:
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail:
Name of Utility Company:
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

Let's see..... Encourage people to save energy by purchasing energy effecient appliances, windows, insulation etc. so Avista can raise our rates? I guess I just don't get it. What don't you people understand? My income has not gone up and this country is still in a deep recession. Get a clue, just say no.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 67.60.81.18
