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Comment_description: Avista Utilities has been raising the cost of electricity and natural gas services on a regular basis over the last 5 years. The statement in their public information release, that they have not raised natural gas prices, is a lie. It has gotten to the point that people on fixed incomes, or even regular working people have difficulty in keeping their homes warm during the winter due to these increases. I would like to register my total opposition to ANY increases in either natural gas prices, or electricity prices to consumers in the State of Idaho. Wages have NOT kept pace with the cost of goods and services in this State. The last thing residents in Idaho need are increased utility bills. Avista needs to downsize their operations, freeze salaries, cut out some of the corporate fat, or reduce perks and benefits within their company before they pass another rate increase on to consumers in Idaho.

I am also going to go out on a limb and suggest that Avista's increase is a backdoor method of using their paying customers to subsidize the utility bills of those who do not pay.

I was hesitant to write this comment, since I've noticed that in almost EVERY case in the past, your commission always approves what Avista asks for. Please try to make a decision in favor of the residents of the State of Idaho this time.

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