

## Jean Jewell

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Comment\_description: Avista's several requests for increases at this time are excessive. The PGA increase of 14,2%, permanent base rate increase of 7.8% and the request to increase the basic charge from \$3.75 to \$5.00 per month for gas customers total up to a 24% overall increase to the customer. And Avista still wants a 12% Cost Recovery Surcharge or whatever it's called.

My mother and I both live on fixed incomes which have been barely adequate to cover the escalating costs of medical care, prescription drugs and gasoline. To award Avista's request at this time would strike hardest at the people who can least afford it. It's not like we can shop around for a cheaper supplier of natural gas and electricity.

The purpose of a regulated monopoly is to ensure a steady affordable supply of the things we cannot live without. You're doing ok on the steady part, it's the affordable part that worries me now.

I urge you to deny Avista this excessive increase.

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