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sent by Gene F.  
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1156 W. Tanager Ave.  
HAYDEN, ID 83835  
October 31, 2005

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P.O. Box 83720  
Boise, ID 83720

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Dear Sirs:

My wife and I work 1 full time and  
2 part time jobs between us.

We feel that a rate increase of 23.8%  
for Avista's natural gas would be very unjust.  
Avista is a profitable utility and as such we  
feel that an increase of any size is not  
warranted or fair. We feel that they need to  
make a profit but only a fair profit. This  
increase would be very inflationary and a burden  
on the average citizen of Idaho.

Please consider our concerns when making  
your decision on the request for natural gas rate  
increase. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Hank DeFord  
HANK DEFORD

# GAS RATES: Inform Avista to object to rate increases

Avista is increasing the rate on natural gas. Can you afford a 23.8 percent natural gas rate hike? It's going to be a pretty cold winter for a lot of hard-working lower income people (as if the outrageously high price of gas isn't already making life hard enough for working class folks).

If the IPUC doesn't hear from you, they will assume you don't care or don't object to Avista's request (IPUC's address: P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720/phone (208) 334-0300). Last time I looked, Bill Gates' three million shares of Avista stock brought him a cool \$1.5 million.

In 2004, Avista paid its CEO a base salary of \$528,205 (\$472,558 in 2001 and \$304,077 in 2000) to figure out how to take more of your money. In 2004, his total compensation package was \$875,000 and he received a 10 percent raise in 2005. How many thousands of shares of stock does he get? That's another story!

Avista's shareholders are pretty happy with their dividends (72 cents per share in 2004 and increasing). Obviously, Avista exists to enrich its executives and shareholders at everyone else's expense, not to provide affordable energy to its customers.

It has the nerve to ask for a rate increase while it increases dividends and pays its executives huge sums? Remember, affordable energy improves everyone's standard of living (by freeing up money to purchase things they need), improves their quality of life (by saving them money so they can afford health insurance), and attracts industries that create living wage jobs!

We have more wind and solar power potential than we know what to do with, but the Republican Party, the fossil fuel power lobby, and the oil companies aren't interested in developing it. Finally, we can buy Hummers or hybrids. It's a slam dunk "no brainer!"

JAX CLAY  
Post Falls

Response sent by Glenn F.

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Enclosed is an article that appeared in the "Coeur d'Alene" Sunday paper in the "Opinion Section". I was shocked to read this!!

I am writing as a disabled Senior citizen, that this increase presents a problem!!

Yes, they have programs, however this "HOGE" increase of 23.8% is unfair. We don't get those kind of increases in our Soc. Sec. Chks, nor does the hard working man, get those kind of pay raises. I thank goodness we only depend on our heat for "GAS" and opted for "electric" through-out the rest of our time. Even so, I'll have to be wearing more sweaters this winter to keep WARM. We should

not have to endure  
this increase. The working  
class pay for everything,  
while the rich, have top  
breaks.

Please do something about  
this matter for our  
citizens here in Idaho  
who already have a tough  
time paying their bills!!

Thank you for  
taking the time to read  
this.

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Answers

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explain

this article

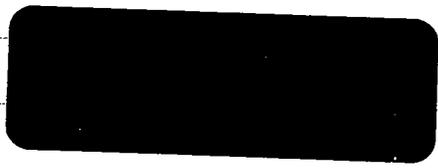
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customers!

Charles Andrew Moege

4153 N. 16th St.

CDA, Id. 83815



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*Let The Execs  
Pay For The  
increase.  
George Schick*

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P.O. Box 134  
Osburn, Idaho  
83849

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P.O. Box 83720  
Boise, Idaho 83720

I am writing to protest the 23.8% increase in utilities that Avista is asking for.

I live on \$727<sup>00</sup> a month, from Social Security, my Regence / Blue Shield is now nearly \$200<sup>00</sup> a mo. I'm trying very hard to keep my head above water, but it will become impossible. Please let us keep our dignity + not let Senior Citizens + others with low incomes be destroyed in the path of Avista, while they continue to pay huge salaries to management, while the older + less fortunate citizens continue to stay cold + worry about how we will pay our next Utility Bill + continue to fear the onset of every winter.

Sincerely,

Helen Westcott

P.O. Box 134

Osburn, Idaho  
83837

208 556 4005

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sent by Gene F.

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October 31, 2005

re: Avista Rate increase

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am vehemently opposed to Avista's rate increase proposal. I barely make ends meet as it is. If they are granted the increase, my choice will be to go hungry and stay warm or eat and be cold. Not a pretty choice to make. I guess I can be grateful I have a warm coat to put on.....

Please hear me and say "NO" to this utility hike. Let the fat cats take it for once. Please don't make the poor get poorer. We are just barely making it as it is.

Thanks so much for your time and for making the "right" decision.

Terry Divine  
870 N. Cimmaron St  
Post Falls, ID 83854



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To THE LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE IPUC

I AM ASKING YOU TO VOTE NO ON THE REQUEST FROM AVISTA FOR A 23.8 PERCENT RATE HIKE.

AVISTA IS A STRONG COMPANY CAN LEARN TO MANAGE IT FUNDS BETTER, TRIM THE TOP PAY AND LEAN OUT ITS SYSTEMS TO SAVE MONEY.

WE ARE A FAMILY OF FIVE WITH OUR ~~OWN~~ OWN SMALL BUSSINESSS HERE AT HOME. WE HEAT WITH GAS. WE ARE 100% GAS APPLIANCES. THE MONEY I SAVE WITH GAS AFFECTS MY BUSSINESS WE ARE 3-SONS MFG LLC. THIS IS OUR & THEIRD YEAR IN BUSSINESS. WE NOW HAVE TWO EMPLOYEES AND ABOUT \$195,000 IN SALES TO A COMPANY IN HAYDEN IDAHO, OUR CUSTOMER ~~HE~~ ALSO USES GAS TO HEAT HIS MANUFACTURING SPACE AND WWAREHOUSE HE HAS APPROX 10 EMPLOYEES, THIS MONEY STAYS HERE IN IDAHO NOT AVISTA SHARE HOLDERS PLEASE SAY NO AND HEIP US GROW WE ARE WORKING HARD TO BRING IN MONEY TO THE STATE

James H Ross

*Response sent by Gene F.*      *✓ To Comments*  
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**Jean Jewell**

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**From:** Ed Howell  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 30, 2005 3:49 PM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark  
**Subject:** Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Sunday, October 30, 2005  
3:49:23 PM

Case: AVU-G-05-02  
Name: Wanda L. Garrison  
Street Address: 1918 W. Honeysuckle Ave.  
City: Hayden  
State: Idaho  
ZIP: 83835  
Home Telephone: 208-772-7422  
E-Mail: gransaysso@adelphia.net  
Company: Avista

Comment description: I was terribly shocked to see that you gave Avista a 23.5% increase in rates....that really hits the people very hard that were coaxed a few years ago to switch to natural gas furnaces because they were so much cheaper than any other heat source,....now what do you do...raise the rates so excessively as to make heating homes for fixed income, lower wage patrons, & the elderly an almost impossoble task...that was very nice of the Avista spokesperson to comment that they know it will be hard...hmm, they have already shut off one family with 4 small children in Hayden...wonder how many more of us will end up the same...not one of your Idaho citizens recieved a nice 23% wage increase....I cannot believe the Idaho Public Utilities Commission workers have such cold feelings toward their friends & neighbors....Please reconsider that decision..many people would then be able to eat& heat too..

A very disappointed Idahoian,  
Wanda L. Garrison

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Colleen Robisch  
906 Armstrong Drive  
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814

October 31, 2005

IPUC  
P.O. Box 83720  
Boise, ID 83720

Dear Sir or Madame:

I understand that our Avista rates will increase this year by approximately 23.8 percent. As a rate-payer without access to other options, I do not feel that it is right for us to automatically take the hit for increases in prices in Avista's supply chain.

I work for a manufacturing company that has had to lay off over 70 percent of it's workforce over the last five years. Those of us employees who remain, have just gotten our first raise in five years. In the private sector, we could not 'pass-on' increased costs to our customers, and expect to survive. We had to tighten our belts and adapt to survive.

Avista's CEO received a 10 percent raise last year. Avista's shareholders do not suffer as Avista passes on it's higher costs to consumers.

I would like to register my objection to Avista's request for a rate increase.

Regards,



Colleen Robisch