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From: Tonya Clark
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2006 7:17 AM
To: Jean Jewell
Cc: Gene Fadness
Subject: FW: AVISTA DOES NOT A RATE HIKE !!!!

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From: Patrick OConnor [mailto:mroconnors3@verizon.net]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2006 1:20 PM
To: Tonya Clark
Subject: AVISTA DOES NOT A RATE HIKE !!!!

I HOPE THE COMMISSION WILL REALIZE THAT NATURAL GAS IS NOT TRADING ANY WHERE NEAR ITS HIGH'S OF A COUPLE YEARS AGO. FURTHERMORE, THIS AREA IS ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING IN THE NORTHWEST AND AVISTA'S CONSUMER BASE GOES UP EACH WEEK WITH HARDLY ANY COST TO THEM. ONLY 100'S MORE HOUSEHOLDS TO "OVERCHARGE".

I HAVE LIVED IN THE SAME HOUSE SINCE 1993 AND HAVE SEEN MY BILLS GO FROM 50-60 DOLLARS IN THE WINTER TO OVER 130 DOLLARS WHILE KEEPING MY HOUSE AT 65 DEGREES.

FINALLY, THIS COMPANY HAS A HORRIBLE RECORD OF MISMANAGING THEIR FINANCES AND EVEN STOCK FRAUD BY THEIR HEAD A FEW YEARS AGO. PLEASE DO NOT GIVE IN!!! IF THEY WANT TO MAKE MORE MONEY AS A COMPANY THEN MAKE THEM CUT COST, PAY, AND BENEFITS LIKE ALL OTHER AMERICAN COMPANIES.

ALOT OF IDAHOANS ONLY MAKE 8-10 DOLLARS AN HOUR BEFORE TAXES. A HUNDRED AND THIRTY DOLLARS IN HEAT BILLS IS ABOUT 3 OR MORE DAYS PAY.

I URGE YOU TO LOOK AT HOW MUCH YOU HAVE ALREADY INCREASED OUR RATES OVER THE LAST 5 YEARS VS THE PRICE OF NATURAL GAS. I THINK YOU WILL REALIZE THAT AVISTA NEEDS TO TIGHTEN ITS BELT LIKE MYSELF AND OTHER IDAHOENS HAVE THE LAST FIVE YEARS

THANK YOU

PATRICK OCONNOR

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