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**From:** Tonya Clark  
**Sent:** Friday, September 29, 2006 9:42 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell  
**Cc:** Gene Fadness  
**Subject:** FW: Comments to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission

-----Original Message-----

From: k konek [mailto:ontarget400@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Friday, September 29, 2006 8:29 AM  
To: Tonya Clark  
Subject: Comments to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission

Dear Commissioners:

I would like to comment on the recent rate increase requested by Avista Utilities.

Simply put, "please don't consider it". It seems every year they are requesting an increase. Natural gas prices just went down. Intermountain Gas just lowered their rates as a result. Sure Avista does a 3 year hedge, but if they are "guessing" wrong, then why should we as customer pay for it?

For once, I would like to hear that Avista is not giving bonus' or cost of living increases to cover the difference in the cost of natural gas prices. I don't get a cost of living increase every year, I don't get bonus' every year. Why should they? Maybe they should look internally at cost savings, before pentalyzing the customer for their bad business management.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Kathy Konek  
Naples ID

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