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Case No. AVU-E/G-08-01
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IPUC, PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0074.
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www.puc.idaho.gov
Click "comments & questions."

I am 65 years old, I've lived in Idaho 62 years. I went to Post Falls Schools 12 years graduated in 1961. I don't feel people living here all these years and now on a fixed income, (with no or barely no yearly increase in our finances) should have to pay for added or upgraded infrastructure cause by developers who get rich from subdivisions, thus making AVISTA beef up their equipment! Last year I got an increase from ~~medicare~~ Social Security of 1.9% then medicare took \$900 a month, what way is my finances going? AVISTA'S CEO'S and officers get paid way too much money on our backs!

Print Name Larry Easterly Sign Name Larry Easterly
Mailing Address 309 E 13th Phone Number 208 457 8172
City and State Post Falls, ID. Zip Code 83854-7627

Don't let them raise my rates!
I didn't cause them to beef up their equipment!

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Idaho Public Utilities Commission
Attn: Jean Jewell
472 W. Washington Street
PO Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720-0074

Via US Mail and E-Mail

RE: IPUC Case Number(s): AVU-E-08-1 and AVU-G-08-1

Dear Ms. Jewell and Commission Members:

Native American Services Corp. (NASCO) would like to make comments of opposition in regards to the recent request for rate increase by Avista Utilities Corp. (Avista) for both electrical and natural gas services.

NASCO is a Construction Management and General Contracting company based in the Silver Valley of Idaho. While we are headquartered in North Idaho, we are a national company providing services primarily to the Federal Government for clients including the United States Department of Defense and the Department Homeland Security. We have offices strategically located throughout the country; for example:

- Holloman Air Force Base – Alamogordo, New Mexico
- Fort Gordon Army Base – Augusta, Georgia
- Marine Corps Base – Quantico – Quantico, Virginia
- Federal Law Enforcement Training Center – Glynco, Georgia

NASCO's primary communication with our ten national offices is via E-mail and the Internet requiring extensive server and communication infrastructure We currently have fourteen (14) servers at our corporate office in Smelterville, ID, supporting our accounting system, e-mail and collaboration tools. NASCO uses a lot of power to support our company infrastructure. To better support our power consumption needs, we are building a new office in Shoshone County, which will provide 1000 amps of power.

NASCO must oppose the requested increase by Avista because the costs for our energy use would increase substantially if the 15.9% increase requested for electrical service and the 6.5% increase requested for natural gas is approved.

We understand that Avista in their press release announcing the request to their shareholders and the media stated:
*"If approved (the increase) would increase residential electric bills by 15.9% and natural gas bills by 6.5 percent. An **average residential customer** using 977 kilowatt hours of electricity per month would see a \$10.70 increase for a revised monthly bill of 78.08. The Average natural gas customer who uses 65 therms per month would see a 4.91 increase for a revised monthly bill of 85.05."*

Source: Avista Press Release April 03, 2008 – Emphasis Added

Nowhere in the press release does Avista discuss commercial customers in regards to their power usage and potential increased costs. The Silver Valley is home to not only NASCO but several mines and other commercial ventures – many of them small, family-owned and operated businesses - that DEPEND on reliable and affordable electricity being provided.

NASCO's average monthly Avista bill is currently \$789.30 per month with a usage of 4,720 KW hours of electricity and 389.0 Therms of natural gas. Based on the calculations and figures provided by Avista, NASCO uses 4.9 times more electricity and 6 times more natural gas per month than the **average residential user**; we believe that this would increase our monthly bill by \$86.10. While this number does not sound like much in and of itself, it adds up to an additional \$1,033.20 per year for a total annual cost to NASCO for power of \$10,504.80, or an overall 9% increase.

It has not gone unnoticed that this request for an increase was filed less than one month after the Spokesman Review newspaper reported on March 26, 2008, "**Avista Releases Executives Salaries**" (source:



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<http://www.spokesmanreview.com/> – March 26 2008). In 2006, it was reported that the CEO at the time, Gary Ely, had a salary of \$687,500, bonuses of \$510,159 and Stock Options based at \$17.80 per share on a total of 77,280 shares valued at \$1,375,584. At that time, their top five executives with bonuses and compensation and stock options earned a combined total of \$5,038,263.

For years the Silver Valley in Northern Idaho has been in an economic slump. Now that it is starting to see growth with companies like Hecla, Sterling Mining, NASCO, Dave Smith Motors, and the Silver Mountain resort coming in and helping to stimulate the economy, Avista's timing to ask for an increase seems out of touch with current conditions. Already economically stressed with rising gas and diesel prices, we feel that this is not the way to help the Silver Valley become more economically resilient and encourage new business or the growth of existing businesses. In fact, the increased cost of power is likely to deter new business development and growth and force emerging companies to look at other areas for development.

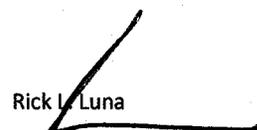
NASCO would not be so opposed to this increase if we saw real changes to the infrastructure in the Silver Valley. We have yet to see the intended growth or enhancements from the 2004 increase.

Avista appears to be reactive and not proactive when planning for the North Idaho area. In our opinion, the role of a public utility is to provide essential services to the customers in its service areas at affordable rates to support local economic growth. A proactive approach might be to make changes to the service offerings to encourage new subscribers. Instead, we see strategies to make existing customers pay more and ideas such as the ability to remotely disconnect power from customers without having an engineer on site (*AVU-E-07-09 – Pilot Program for Remote Disconnects and Reconnects*).

In conclusion, we urge the Public Utility Commission to reject this request for increase for both natural gas and electricity rates until Avista can provide verifiable and substantive information about what they plan to do with the new revenue other than lining the pockets of executive staff members and shareholders.

We appreciate having our comments considered and are available for any questions.

Respectfully,


Rick L. Luna
Chief Financial Officer


Martin J. Rieman
Director of Operations


Shon W. Harris
Information Technology Manager

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to protest the increasing cost of Avista request for rate increase for electric and gas.

I read that one of Avista's reasons for increase is due to increased population, which increases the loads for them. Well where is the extra money going that Avista is receiving from these new customers? Also, if the energy-sucking technology like plasma TV screens than let those people who have the money to buy these things pay more to Avista and not the rest of the people who cannot afford these items. Right now the people on low income or middle income are barely making it already.

I feel that Avista could also charge much more rates on the larger square feet of a house and outer buildings on this property. These huge houses use up more energy than an average person's house, apartment, condo, etc. These people who buy these huge houses and surroundings buildings can certainly afford to pay much higher gas and electric bills than those people who live in smaller houses. I know that they do pay more on their bills due to the increase usage compared to the average person being their place is bigger. However, being they are using more utilities due to large house, parties, etc. add more to their bill. They can afford it. Or have a cap on how much gas and electricity they can use in a month.

Enough is enough on the average customers for increases. I feel that the average person tries to cut back on usage as much as possible, but feel people in \$1,000,000 or more homes could care less.

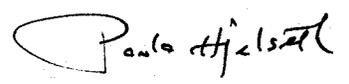
What is this going to do to our elderly, who do not use air conditioning now or enough heat in the winter time to keep them warm and healthy? These people are barely surviving now.

Also, Avista can charge for electricity on land not even being used 6 months out of the year a flat rate. They do not even have to go into this land and check in those 6 months and still charge a person for electric use when meter off. What do they do with that money?

How many raises have the CEO's, etc. had compared to the average working person?

Where are our rights anymore? Where is it going to end that the lower and middle class people cannot even keep themselves healthy?

Thank you for your time,



Paula Hjelseth
421 South 11th Street
Coeur d' Alene, Idaho 83814

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sent 8/11/08

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Idaho Public Utilities Commission

Dear Board Members,

This letter is in response to
Arivista request for rate increases for natural
gas and electric.

I am requesting that you do not
grant the rate increases that Arivista has
asked you for.

I feel that in all businesses that the
stock holders and expansion for new
customers should pay the largest share
of costs.

Arivista's old infrastructure should have
been updated through the years.

They are also creating a large demand for
natural gas by installing large natural gas turbines
to generate electricity for new customers. If
supply and demand creates price changes, Arivista
is creating higher prices for natural gas.

In the area I live a large number of
Arivista customers are retired and are on fixed
incomes. They cannot afford higher rates.

I would like to thank you for considering
my letter.

Sincerely,

Jim Rafferty

710 Burrell Ave.

Lewiston, Idaho

83501

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I am enclosing article
from 8/31/08 dated
4/8/08

Avista seeks rate increase in Idaho

4/5/08

Decision process expected to take about seven months

By ELAINE WILLIAMS
OF THE TRIBUNE

Turn down the heat. That's about the only advice Avista officials can provide to people who want to pay less for their electricity and natural gas costs.

The largest utility serving the region announced it's seeking rate increases for Idaho residential customers of 15.9 percent on electricity and 6.5 percent

The Idaho Public Utility Commission will make a decision on Avista's proposal, a process expected to take about seven months.

Avista is facing higher costs on numerous fronts. Demand for electricity is growing at a time when the price to generate power is rising.

Avista used to pay 45 cents for each therm of gas it used at its Coyote Springs electrical generation plant. Now each therm runs 75 cents. A therm is a commercial unit of heat energy. One therm can be provided by about 96.7 cubic feet

of natural gas.

As the number of people using Avista's electricity grows, the utility has to update infrastructure to handle the additional capacity to meet demands.

Costs to build infrastructure are inflating as developing countries like India, China and Russia are competing to buy the raw materials used to build them, such as steel, copper, aluminum and cement.

The utility discovered 75 percent of

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AVISTA: Some components constructed before 1930

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the components in its mid-range transmission system are more than 35 years old and 20 percent were constructed before 1930, when many modern day electrical devices such as computers hadn't even been contemplated, said Kelly Norwood, vice president of state and federal regulation for Avista.

The utility recognizes higher prices are a burden to its customers and is spending about \$18 million a year on conservation programs that help consumers make their homes and businesses more energy efficient, said Debbie Simock, a spokeswoman for the company.

Williams may be contacted at

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Jean Jewell

From: jacquiw@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2008 9:10 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Jacqui follows:

Case Number:
Name: Jacqui
Address: 110 E. Wallace Avenue
City: Coeur d'Alene
State: ID
Zip: 83814
Daytime Telephone: 208 664 3799
Contact E-Mail: jacquiw@aol.com
Name of Utility Company: Avista
Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

Do not believe it would be right for Avista to have another rate increase in electricity or gas with the earnings that were just reported. Enough is enough, going to force people out of their homes and cause hardships on many, many people with fixed incomes. Thank you.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 207.200.116.203

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Jean Jewell

From: thomps111@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2008 6:16 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Kari Thompson follows:

Case Number:
Name: Kari Thompson
Address: 7136 W Tudor Street
City: Rathdrum
State: ID
Zip: 83858
Daytime Telephone: 2086872820
Contact E-Mail: thomps111@yahoo.com
Name of Utility Company: Avista
Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

Yesterday there was an article in the paper regarding Avista's rate increase request. While these articles are always in the paper, and they do periodically get turned down, the timing of the next day's article regarding Avista could not have been better timed: Avista's quarterly profit earnings of \$23.5 BILLION (!!!!) dollars. Are they kidding? They're no better than the oil companies (like Exxon who just posted a record, yet somehow less than previously expected, \$11 BILLION profit)...where does the limit lie? Why do the rich get richer while the rest of us schlubs have to foot their bill? Please vote NO, NO, NO to all future rate increases on behalf of the 'little guy' so that we can keep our homes warm and lit, and not further line their pockets with gold.

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IP address is 72.84.11.101

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Jean Jewell

From: bonesp@roadrunner.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2008 2:23 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Carol Peretti follows:

Case Number:
Name: Carol Peretti
Address: 8361 N Ainsworth Dr
City: Hayden
State: ID
Zip: 83835
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: bonesp@roadrunner.com
Name of Utility Company: Avista
Add to Mailing List: no

Please describe your comment briefly:

To whom ever may desire to listen to the lower middle class and the aged of our society, we can no longer pay for the utilities in our area and in doing so I see too many people leaving Idaho and not even bothering to sell their homes. With things as bad as they are can we really let the utilities co., Avista, up their rates for no better reason than that someone didn't get thier estimated profits and/or bonuses for this year. There is so many people loosing everything around our nation, and the government is doing nothing to stop it from snowballing into whatever it will become.

Maybe the great state of Idaho should be the start of the states who will have the backbone to make some changes to start our nation in a better direction.

Please stand for some fairness in this and future matters.

My parents are now barely able to pay their taxes and medications and this will not make it any better.

I hope you all have a conscience and will atleast take a real good look around at those not as fortunate as yourself, and make the hard, but right choices.

Sincerely

Mrs Carol Peretti

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Jean Jewell

From: sam@craw4d.org
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2008 11:18 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Sam Crawford follows:

Case Number:
Name: Sam Crawford
Address: 108 S. Hazelwood Drive
City: Coeur d'Alene
State: ID
Zip: 83814
Daytime Telephone: 2086648363
Contact E-Mail: sam@craw4d.org
Name of Utility Company: Avista
Add to Mailing List:

Please describe your comment briefly:
Avista just announced a 72% increase in profits for the quarter today.

I also understand none of their executives made a bonus last year because they fell short of their goals.

Please don't grant their proposed rate increase this year so they can make their bonus at my expense.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 98.145.72.199

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Jean Jewell

From: transmodal@consultant.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2008 12:02 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from anonymous follows:

Case Number: AVU-E-08-01, AVU-G-08-01
Name: anonymous
Address:
City: Moscow
State: Idaho
Zip: 83843
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: transmodal@consultant.com Name of Utility Company:
Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:
Has the IPUC conducted any analysis of whether the actions of the State of Washington have had an influence on Avista's rate increase request for it's Idaho customers? The State of Washington has legislated two actions that have increased the rates paid by Avista's Washington customers: (1)It has mandated a certain percentage of electricity be generated by so-called renewables (excluding hydropower), and (2)it has barred utilities from making long term (e.g. lock in a low rate) contracts for coal-fired generation. Avista has publicly stated that due to these two mandates it 'has removed coal-fired generation from it's growth portfolio'. However, it is my understanding that the actions of Washington legislation should have no influence over what Avista decides for it's Idaho customers. Therefore, Avista can make long term contracts for low cost coal-fired generation for it's Idaho customers.

Please review this situation and make sure Idaho rate payers aren't paying for the actions of another State's decisions. Thank you.

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Jean Jewell

From: jhpocard@earthlink.net
Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2008 9:16 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from James Picard follows:

Case Number: AVU=E-08=01
Name: James Picard
Address: 8378 Uplands Dr
City: Hayden
State: ID
Zip: 83835
Daytime Telephone: 208=772=4427
Contact E-Mail: jhpocard@earthlink.net
Name of Utility Company: Avista
Add to Mailing List: no

Please describe your comment briefly:

Re: Avista Rate Hike. With all the rivers and lakes we have here in Idaho why don't we invest more in Hydroelectric power instead of continually increasing our electric rates. We also need to start actually creating alternative energy sources NOW not wait decades more until we have a serious crisis on our hands. Lobby congress and the senate to work together to find new sources. Thank you

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Jean Jewell

From: wolflodgemeadows@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2008 5:34 AM
To: Tonya Clark; Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Michael follows:

Case Number:
Name: Michael
Address:
City: Coeur d'Alene
State: ID
Zip:
Daytime Telephone: 208-664-3363
Contact E-Mail: wolflodgemeadows@aol.com Name of Utility Company: Avista Add to Mailing List:

Please describe your comment briefly:
Baloney.

This increase request is all about pleasing Avista's shareholders, officers and directors. The stock has done exceedingly well the last few years during this 'energy crisis.' Take a look at the last line of their income statement. The stock is found under the symbol AVA (NYSE).

Get Income Statement for Avista:

View: Annual Data | Quarterly Data All numbers in thousands PERIOD ENDING 31-Mar-08 31-Dec-07 30-Sep-07 30-Jun-07

| | | | | |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total Revenue | 496,307 | 386,903 | 267,662 | 304,005 |
| Cost of Revenue | 324,146 | 237,737 | 150,318 | 153,906 |
| Gross Profit | 172,161 | 149,166 | 117,344 | 150,099 |
| Operating Expenses | | | | |
| Research Development | - | - | - | - |
| Selling General and Administrative | 90,649 | 82,416 | 79,003 | 87,413 |
| Non Recurring | - | - | - | - |
| Others | 22,451 | 23,212 | 22,605 | 22,468 |
| Total Operating Expenses | - | - | - | - |

Operating Income or Loss 59,061 43,538 15,736 40,218

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|------------------------------------|--------|--------|---------|--------|
| Income from Continuing Operations | | | | |
| Total Other Income/Expenses Net | 1,043 | 1,392 | (1,694) | 3,547 |
| Earnings Before Interest And Taxes | 60,104 | 44,930 | 14,042 | 43,765 |
| Interest Expense | 19,784 | 20,659 | 20,057 | 20,793 |
| Income Before Tax | 40,320 | 24,271 | (6,015) | 22,972 |
| Income Tax Expense | 15,089 | 10,198 | (2,140) | 8,789 |
| Minority Interest | - | - | - | - |

Net Income From Continuing Ops 25,231 14,073 (3,875) 14,183

Non-recurring Events

Discontinued Operations - - - -
Extraordinary Items - - - -
Effect Of Accounting Changes - - - -
Other Items - - - -

Net Income 25,231 14,073 (3,875) 14,183
Preferred Stock And Other Adjustments - - - -

Net Income Applicable To Common Shares \$25,231 \$14,073 (\$3,875) \$14,183

These numbers are in thousands--in other words add 3 zeros after each of these profits. ie. 25 million dollars for fiscal 2008!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

with a healthy dividend!!!!!!

Wake up N. Idaho and write a letter to the IPUC saying this is baloney!!!! This is a monopoly and the IPUC is supposed to protect us from this greed!!!!!!

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Jean Jewell

From: rharlocker@transtector.com
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2008 7:52 AM
To: Tonya Clark; Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Reid Harlocker follows:

Case Number:

Name: Reid Harlocker

Address: 1635 E Miles Ave

City: Hayden Lake

State: ID

Zip: 83835

Daytime Telephone: 208-762-6131

Contact E-Mail: rharlocker@transtector.com Name of Utility Company: Avista Add to Mailing List: no

Please describe your comment briefly:

I don't get how they justify passing along the expense of improving their delivery systems and the loss of several dams to customers. Didn't they make these decisions because they will ultimately improve profitability? All those new customers they are talking about, don't they mean greater profitability? Besides, infrastructure improvements result in lucrative tax benefits for Avista.

I don't doubt for a minute that the cost of natural gas is high, in fact it's a speculation bubble which is why Avista held off on purchase contracts this year, a very good decision and they should be granted an increase.

I also don't doubt that the cost of relicensing just Post Falls was astronomical; the posturing by the CDA Tribe and Avista cost everyone and was ridiculous.

In recent history Avista has consistently delivered excellent profits and they certainly don't have financial problems. So at a time when everyone is struggling I do question the fairness of this rate hike request, because in some ways this company has a virtual monopoly of the service area.

Expecting the customers to foot the bill for Avista's business decisions is not appropriate. If the board and the shareholders of Avista aren't satisfied with those decisions then I'm certain they will find new management.

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Jean Jewell

From: basjim@juno.com
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2008 2:52 AM
To: Tonya Clark; Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Jim Bashore follows:

Case Number:
Name: Jim Bashore
Address: PO Box 604
City: Spirit Lake
State: ID
Zip: 83869
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: basjim@juno.com
Name of Utility Company: Avista
Add to Mailing List: no

Please describe your comment briefly:

Avista's rate increase is out of line, if they were using fossil fuel to generate electricity, it might make more sense, but Avista uses hydroelectric generation, there isn't any shortage of water in our rivers and dams in N. Idaho, and if they have to purchase electricity for its customers, those customers should be liable for rate hikes, not those served by hydroelectricity.

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Jean Jewell

From: caroljomorgan@roadrunner.com
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2008 2:23 AM
To: Tonya Clark; Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Carol Jo Morgan follows:

Case Number:
Name: Carol Jo Morgan
Address: 3246 7th Street
City: Coeur d'Alene
State: ID
Zip: 83815
Daytime Telephone: 208 667-9783
Contact E-Mail: caroljomorgan@roadrunner.com Name of Utility Company: Avista Add to Mailing
List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

I would like to make a comment that a Avista rate increase will be very hard to pay for. I am retired and on limited income.

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Jean Jewell

From: shpod@hotmail.com
Sent: Friday, July 25, 2008 7:08 AM
To: Tonya Clark; Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Dona Lea follows:

Case Number:
Name: Dona Lea
Address: 11460 n. alaska loop
City: hayden
State: idaho
Zip: 83835
Daytime Telephone: 2087728481
Contact E-Mail: shpod@hotmail.com
Name of Utility Company: avista
Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

I watch big companies raise the cost of everything from power to the cost of vegetable seeds and the whole time they are raking in enormous amounts of profit every year. I have cancer lost my job and have to spend years fighting to get disability, there is no way I can survive. My fiends and family are broke trying to help me with meds and dr. bills, food and UTILITIES. My boyfriad is on fixed retirement income he cannot pay any more for anything at the time he retired he made more than enough to enjoy the rest of his life. And that was only 2 years ago. AVISTA NEEDS NO MORE.

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Jean Jewell

Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2008 8:38 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Teresa Bruch follows:

Case Number:
Name: Teresa Bruch
Address: 902 E. Montana
City: Coeur d Alene
State: Idaho
Zip: 83814
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail:
Name of Utility Company: Avista
Add to Mailing List: no

Please describe your comment briefly:

Avista's petition to raise rates for those of us in North Idaho who are held hostage by lack of competition should be denied outright. Nice, fat paychecks and bonuses for top level executives should not be supported by users who have no other option for electric and natural gas providers.

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Jean Jewell

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A rate increase from Avista is grossly unwarranted at this time, considering their huge quarterly profits. Avista is one of the only corporations in the region even showing a profit. Also, I would like the commission to study what Avista has done to keep their turbines up to current technology. My neighbor works at the Hoover dam and says that Avista is behind the curve. If they're not investing in tech, why should the consumers have to subsidize their incompetence?

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