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Idaho Public Utilities Commission
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720

August 28, 2008

Re: Avista rate increase

I am opposed to the rate increase that Avista is proposing; it is too much of a rate increase at one time. If a rate increase is truly needed it should only be a small percentage, 20 – 25 %, of what is requested. With the downturn in the economy, people all over are feeling the pinch and having to look at every dollar they spend. Perhaps Avista should use some of their large profits to meet their needs rather than putting it back on the rate payers? If nothing else, the increase should be spread over a period of 3-4 years.

In the overall picture, has Avista looked internally at ways to save money. Many of their salaries, let alone the CEO's package, are well in excess of those of us who are rate payers. Putting a hold on salary increases that are more than very modest can be an excellent way to save money.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

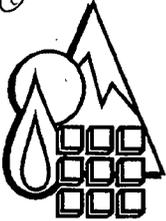
Sincerely,


Robert Arleth
2712 Country Club Drive
Lewiston, Idaho 83501

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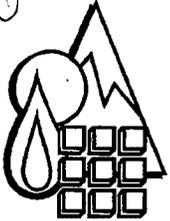
Last year in 2007 I understand there was an increase. This year to read in the paper of a profit of 25 million plus! and now to read shareholders made 18% profit - now a raise of 14% was 16% then 12% I am NOT an A.T.M. machine - with increase of prices EVERYWHERE to me anything for an excuse and Zap prices go up - even our Congressman didn't take a vote before they went on a Month's Vacation and left gas prices up! We had a \$ 167.⁰⁰ plus bill in a summer month - we do not have air conditioning in that is what a high winter bill "use to be". No one is watching out for any of its citizens in this country.

There is a question I have which could not be answered when I went to pay the City of Coeur d'Alene last month - on my bill listed Street lights 2.58 - we had a street light out from December to March when I called it in, the pole has a number on it - which I learned - that needed to be reported with pole #.

Print Name Tina Healey Sign Name Tina Healey

Mailing Address P.O. Box 1341 Phone Number Home: 208-769-3156

City and State Coeur d'Alene, Idaho Zip Code 83816-1341



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To whom It May Concern continued:

Instead gave the location. Arista person changed the bulb, even though the street light was out for the 3 months. continued to pay on my billing. With 10 houses on just my block - one a duplex 1 apartment building (don't know how many apartments) so each house is paying 2.58×10^0 or more that's 25.80 plus, plus amount just on my block! With Everyone wanting a cut these days. really makes me wonder where the streetlight alone, money is going - as it adds up! Coeur D'Alene has grown and so has the greed!

"Thank-you" for taking time in reading my comments

P.S. I also was informed that 22% of new homes being built have a theater system - that takes a lot of power - so am I paying for the 'Have's' because I Have not!

27 August 2008

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to whom it may concern:

I hope you understand I am living on social security with severe asthma + severe arthritis in my joints. I went to burning wood last winter because I couldn't afford the price of natural gas + electricity. I burn gas when I can't breath. If avista wants to repair and rebuild, that money should come from its stock holders and profits, not just keep raising its prices. I know a friend that works for avista wages are high in management? I have decided not to ever vote Republican again, the rich get richer + poorer get poorer.

The tax's in payperce county and Lewiston are to damn high. Sometimes the state officials in Idaho go right along with Big Business and getting tired of it. Well I know you will give avista what they want to give management and do Big raise. my neighbor tells me that this is more of a Republican energy policy at work. I believe it.

The state of Idaho also over tax's and caters to Big Business. Examples are sales tax's, and a income tax also and special tax breaks for some big business such as smplot - potlach and others

I hope and pray you make the correct decision, and ~~do~~ don't give the utilities the raises they requested.

Thank you

God Bless.

Robert E Watson

3133 - 7th Street

Lewiston Ida 83501

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Aug. 28th, 07

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I am writing to complain about the Avisa increase and how ~~no~~ much money Mr. Morris is making!

My husband is on disability and I lost my job after 9 yrs. and can't find another one.

I am 56 yrs. old and nobody wants to hire someone of that age. We live in Tukwila, WA in a 1978 trailer and pay rent space to someone else!

I wish I made a million dollars a year so I could live high off the hog and could afford to pay my electric bill!

We changed to gas 11 yrs. ago after my husband lost his leg to a blood clot. Right after we spent our \$1100.00 we got from back disability wages on a gas stove because he couldn't go out and get wood anymore, the price of gas went up and keeps going up.

One of these days we won't be able to afford anything with all prices sky rocketing!! I am just a small person or should I say "pissed on"!!

but I am very irritate
over the article I read
in my paper today!!!

please dont let this happen
or I will be out on the
street this winter begging
for money!!!

Donna & Bill Kelley
631 Preston #13
Lewiston Id. 83501

I am only paying half of my
electric bill now each month

Disturbed & Disgusted
in Idaho

please lend me some
of the CEO's salaries

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Dear members of The Board,

My name is Richard EATHERTON AND
my wife & I live AT 1757 W HUNDY
Blvd. POSTFALLS.

I AM writing in Regard To
AVISTA'S proposed RATE HIKE.
AS I AM no longer working we
CAN HARDLY AFFORD TO pay a lot
more for electricity. AVISTA SAYS
their RATES HAVE NOT changed since
2002. I FIND THIS HARD TO BELIEVE.

IN 2004 my comfort level Bill
was \$132⁰⁰ A MONTH. SINCE THAT
TIME my Bill HAS gone up \$10⁰⁰ A
MONTH per year. SO THAT IN
2007 I WAS paying \$172⁰⁰ per
MONTH. ALSO my BASIC Fee HAS
gone FROM \$4⁰⁰ TO \$6⁰⁰ AND
BACK TO \$4.

THE AMOUNT OF electricity
used REMAINS BASICLY THE SAME
AND WE HAVE over the LAST TWO
years up graded ALL of our
WINDOWS, DOORS, AND APPLIANCES
(over)

To energy SAVING DEVICES.

BUT IT HAS MADE NO DIFFERENCE
IN OUR BILL.

SO AS YOU CAN SEE WE
OBJECT VERY STRONGLY TO A
RATE INCREASE.

Richard D Eatherton *dk.*

Richard & Devonna Eatherton
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Post Falls, ID 83854

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Jean Jewell

From: tpeterson12@juno.com
Sent: Friday, August 29, 2008 2:51 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Thomas E Peterson follows:

Case Number: AVU-E-08-01 / AVU-G-08-01
Name: Thomas E Peterson
Address: 1610 Cemetery Rd
City: Priest River,
State: Id
Zip: 83856
Daytime Telephone: 208 448 1334
Contact E-Mail: tpeterson12@juno.com
Name of Utility Company: Avista
Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

As I understand it, Avista has a request in for a 12% increase in our area. Please consider these economic times, first of all. Then consider last week JD Lumber announced a total closure on Oct 3. 200 people will be laid off permanently! Our town is in shock! Also consider that the average wage paid to those workers was not even close to the wage Avista employees have enjoyed for years. Always getting their increases, because the boss can raise the rates.

Please look into this before granting a raise. This community & state are always hit hard, now higher food & fuel are not the only consideration. Closing industry is a cold fact of our lives in North Idaho.

Thank you for hearing me,
Respectfully,
Tom Peterson

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 71.161.7.43

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Jean Jewell

From: pbnelson@clearwire.com
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2008 4:51 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Patrick Nelson follows:

Case Number: AVU-G-08-01
Name: Patrick Nelson
Address: 626 Park Ave.
City: Lewiston
State: Id
Zip: 83501
Daytime Telephone: 208-746-2593
Contact E-Mail: pbnelson@clearwire.com
Name of Utility Company: Avista - aka- aworsta Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

How is it possible Avista can ask for an increase of almost 20%, combining gas and electric rates. I did not get a raise last year. My small business has'nt grown this year. I won't know if I will even make a proffit this year. As it is now I am down 13% from last year. I cannot afford an increase so high. Avista needs to suck it up like the rest of us. Downsize buy cutting admiistration jobs.

Cut pay to non saleried workers. Raise hourly employes medical copay deductables. Stop All dental and vision bennifits. No hourly wage increases for at least one year. Stop all dividend payments to share holders.

Note this is not a crackpot letter. I'm am very serious about the above comments. Avista needs to stop asking for such huge increases.

The average Idahoian and small business cannot afford it.

P. Nelson

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