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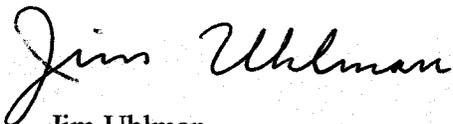
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Avista has filed an application with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission proposing to increase Idaho electric rates by 12.8%. I believe there are many people in Idaho that use Avista as their electricity provider who cannot afford this kind of increase. That is especially true in our present economy. Inflation is not increasing at that rate.

Please take a good hard look at this request before you approve it. I believe Avista should cut back their spending like everyone else has to during this economic decline.

I am not familiar with Avista's needs, but I do not believe this request should be granted until the economy improves and people are more likely able to afford it.

Sincerely,



Jim Uhlman