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Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from David Asher follows:

Case Number: AVU-G-11-01/~~AVU-E-11-01~~
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Name of Utility Company: Avista Utilities
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

Just like clockwork, Avista Utilities has submitted their annual Idaho electric and gas rate increase for 2011. And right on queue, the IPUC will most likely grant Avista's wishes without batting an eye.

For the past 3 years, Avista has been granted combined rate increases of 16.7%, 7.8% and 11.9% (2010, 2009, 2008). Total compensation during this same period for the top 5 executives was \$6.8m, \$6.1m and \$4.5m, respectively. The 3-year total shareholder return for this period was 16.8%.

All in all, it would seem as though the company continues to experience great profitability, and management continues to receive excessively large bonuses/compensation. Of course, this all comes at a significant price for us rate payers.

Without question, the current economic downturn is affecting everyone; middle and lower income people alike. However, companies like Avista continue to represent the kind of corporate greed that put our economy in this position in the first place.

I strongly urge the IPUC to deny Avista's latest rate increase request. I believe it is time for this regulatory body to act in favor of its constituents (ie. Idaho citizens) instead of yielding to corporate interests. I will also be contacting my state legislators and the governor's office separately to express my concern over this rate request.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,
David R. Asher

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