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Jean Jewell

From: dgg@smgazette.com
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2011 9:19 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Dean C. Gentry follows:

Case Number: AVU-E11-01 and AVU-G-11-01
Name: Dean C. Gentry
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City: St Maries
State: Idaho
Zip: 83861
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Name of Utility Company: Avista
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:
Idaho Public Utility Commission

Are written comments considered by the Commission when setting rate increase requests?

1. During the recent past couple of years Avista announced in the regional newspapers that they strongly supported 'CAP & TRADE' legislation and that they had joined at least two organizations for the purpose of getting our U. S. Congress to pass the legislation. It is most likely Avista paid out large sums of money to those organizations and perhaps to other parties in their effort to have that legislation become law. Did the Idaho PUC Commission consider those expenditures as a stockholder expense or a rate payer expense, or is there any difference when you consider rate increase requests.

2. Expenditures by Avista for the purpose and benefit of stockholders will initially reduce stockholders return on their investment and then give the PUC cause to increase utility rates to bring the stockholders return up to a higher level. Do you take these facts into consideration?

If I remember correctly, in recent past years when we have had a below normal snowpack in the Coeur d'Alene basin, Avista has requested a rate increase to be justified in the lower than normal run off and decrease in hydro power generation at their dams. This past winter the Coeur d'Alene basin had a very high snow pack (150% + of norm). It would seem that Avista would be requesting a rate decrease due to the larger than normal amount of run off and resulting increase over normal hydro power generation. Am I correct in this thinking?

3. I have a seasonal need for electricity for an irrigation pump to water a lawn out of the city water service area. A few years ago the billing from Avista was only for the months and amount used. Then a base rate of \$4.00 per month was established for each of the 12 months of the year. During the months the pump was used (normally June, July, August & September) the \$4.00 base rate was applied to the monthly bill and additional electricity was added for the total.

Then the base rate was increased to \$5.00 per month (a 25% increase) for which I recall no rate requests application. Then the \$5.00 base amount was not longer applied to the bill for the electricity used during the pumping season. Were all of these increase approved by the PUC? Are these small seasonal accounts and the monthly base rates included with households when Avista computes the average household electrical usage which they always publish when requesting a rate increase? If so, the average published is not meaningful.

4. Most if not all rate request by Avista published in the regional newspapers includes a reason for the increase. A press release for the current rate increase reads: 'In the application company officials said the additional revenue would be used to upgrade and replace aging equipment.' My very important question to you is, when the upgrades and replacing of the aging equipment are paid for (or the capital expenditures recaptured) should there not be a rate decrease of a like amount of any increase that was given for those purposes. If not a rate decrease when the necessary expenditures a recaptured (I do not recollect of any such rate decreases) then any subsequent rate increases will be a compounding of each previous rate increases. The customer / rate payers are continually paying for capital expenditures forever and ever after the utility has recaptured the money for the expenditures for which rate increases were given.

Thank you for the service of you as Commissioners of the Idaho PUC.

I will sincerely appreciate it if I receive a reply from the PUC in regards to the above comments and questions. I will also appreciate it if a staff person will return a copy of these comments and questions by email.

Dean C. Gentry

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
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Jean Jewell

From: ajbranz@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2011 12:48 AM
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Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Anthony Branz follows:

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Name of Utility Company: Avista
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

Before authorizing Avista's most recent gas & electric rate increase request please consider the following recent census statistics. One in six US adults and one in four children live under the poverty level. Examine the rate increases your commision has authorized over the past 10 years. Thank you.

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Jean Jewell

Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2011 12:18 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from David Smith follows:

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City: Post Falls
State: ID
Zip:
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail:
Name of Utility Company:
Acknowledge:

Please describe your comment briefly:

No information about the zero people who turned out last nite for Avista's propaganda tirad with its bought and paid for rubber stamp commissioners in the news media in Coeur d'Alene. As far as the alledged commissioners, (who appoints you anyway, is it Avista's stooge governor?), and how much does Avista pay to do so (with ratepayer money, not theirs)? Why were you appointed anyway? Were you approved by Avista's vampire board of directors first? Who gets the money? What do you spend your blood money on anyway? Do you like your meat cooked rare, or just dripping bloody? When was the last time you beat your wife? Kicked your dog? Recently I'm sure.

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