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163 Cedar # B
Wallace, Id. 83873

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Randy Felt
Idaho Public Utilities Commission

2005 JAN 26 AM 8:44

P.O. Box 83720

IDAHO PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

Boise, Id. 83720-0074

Dear Randy,

Please put a stop on any raises
in our utility bills. My poor daughter
is "hold-up" in 2 rooms of her house
now. The kitchen is so cold her pipes
froze up one nite. Thankfully none broke!
We are in a depressed area and most
jobs are under \$5.00 per hour. Please have
mercy on us here in Wallace!

Sincerely,

Mary Lou Banks

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2005 JAN 31 AM 8:24 JANUARY 28TH 05

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WE OPPOSE PERMITTING AVISTA
TO USE THE COST OF PURCHASING
COYOTE SPRINGS GENERATOR TO
JUSTIFY A RATE INCREASE.

BECAUSE

SEVERAL YEARS AGO AVISTA
CONSTRUCTED A GENERATOR NEAR
RATHDRUM IDAHO - AT RATE PAYER'S
EXPENSE. I TRAVEL BY THERE ON
OCCASION AND IT APPEARS TO BE
VACANT - NO CARS OR TRUCKS
PRESENT.

ANOTHER CASE OF POOR MANAGEMENT²

WHY DOES AVISTA EXPECT
RATE PAYER'S TO PAY FOR THEIR
POOR MANAGEMENT.

YOURS TRULY
DANIEL & VIRGINIA RIX
931 E. WILBUR AVE
DALTON GARDENS ID 83815

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IDAHO PUBLIC
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January 23, 2005

IDAHO Public Utilities Comm.
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720-0074

Att: Randy Lowe

Dear Sir;

Can anyone explain to me how AVISTA can justify buying a power plant in Oregon and making Washington and Idaho customer pay for it.?

Why isn't Oregon helping to pay for it.

Is Oregon helping to pay for the plant in Boardman, Ore?

That last \$4.00 rate increase was more like 20 and most of us here in North Idaho are widows on fixed income..

I don't suppose we can ^{DO} much to stop them..

Sincerely,
Dorothy Jaggard

Dorothy Jaggard
Mrs. Donald E. Jaggard
P.O. Box 237
Silverton, Id 83867

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Jean Jewell

From: Front
Sent: Monday, January 31, 2005 8:11 AM
To: Jean Jewell
Subject: FW: Complaint acknowledgement

-----Original Message-----

From: Ed Howell
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2005 5:50 PM
To: Front; Beverly Barker; Ed Howell; Tonya Clark
Subject: Complaint acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Friday, January 28, 2005
5:50:01 PM

Name: John Heitkamp
Street_Address: 1518 Linden Ave
City: Lewiston
State: Idaho
ZIP: 83501
Home_Telephone: 208-746-5950
Work_Telephone:
E-Mail: jtheitkamp@lewiston.com
Home_Business: Home
Business_Name:
Business_Street_Address:
Business_Phone:
Complaint_Company: Avista
Local_Provider:
Contacted_utility: No

Complaint_description: I'm not sure if this is the correct forum for my comment, but it pertains to Avista's proposal to extend the surcharge to allow them to raise money to pay for a 280MW natural gas plant. They are a for-profit organization, and just like any other company that is looking to install capital equipment, need to use money from normal operations to pay for the capital improvement. The surcharge imposed was intended to recoupe losses from several years ago, NOT for capital improvement. If the IPUC approves this request, then what's to stop them next year coming back and asking for more again. Make them tighten their belts like everyone else is.

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Jean Jewell

From: Ed Howell
Sent: Sunday, January 30, 2005 6:36 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Sunday, January 30, 2005
6:36:19 PM

Case: AVU-E-05-1
Name: JAMES WOOD
Street Address: 16007 W. HOLLISTER DR.
City: POST FALLS
State: IDAHO
ZIP: 83854
Home Telephone: 208-777-8733
E-Mail: MJMJ275@CS.COM

Company: AVISTA
mailing_list_yes_no: yes

Comment description: I AM OPPOSED TO ANY MORE RATE INCREASES FROM AVISTA.THEY HAVE ALREADY INCREASED RATES OVER 25% SINCE LAST YEAR. I CALLED TO SEE WHY MY BILL WAS SO MUCH HIGHER THAN LAST YEAR, I WAS TOLD WE WERE PAYING .77 A THERM LAST YEAR NOW WE ARE PAYING .95 A THERM. THAT COST ME ABOUT 40 MORE DOLLARS THIS MONTH JUST FOR GAS. GAS IS SUPPOSE TO BE THE CHEAPEST WAY TO HEAT,EVERYONE WAS TOLD TO SWITCH TO GAS HEAT BECAUSE IT WILL SAVE US SO MUCH MONEY WELL EVERYONE SWITCHED KNOW THEY JUST JACK UP THE PRICE WHEN EVER THEY FEEL LIKE IT. DONT LET THEM TAKE EVEN MORE MONEY FROM WORKING FAMILYS TRYING TO MAKE ENDS MEET. THANKS

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Jean Jewell

From: Ed Howell
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2005 1:15 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Friday, January 28, 2005
1:15:05 PM

Case: AVU-E-0501
Name: Kenneth Jackson
Street Address: 372 Ponder Point Drive
City: Sandpoint
State: ID
ZIP: 83864
Home Telephone:
E-Mail: kenshops@mac.com

Company: Avista
mailing_list_yes_no: yes

Comment description: Avista Utilities is once again going to their ratepayers to acquire funds for expansion. This time it wants money for the purchase of an Oregon generating plant. I oppose the manner in which Avista funds acquisitions like this. Avista is NOT a co-op, operated for the benefit of its stakeholders. It is a publically traded corporation, operated for the benefit of its SHAREHOLDERS.

Why is it that it is the stakeholders (ratepayers) are always asked to pay for an ever larger corporation, but it is the shareholders (owners) who benefit (from higher values) from the assests paid for by the ratepayers?

This kind of formula for building corporate assets is a colossal ripoff, unless one happens to be a shareholder of Avista stack. I notice that other shareholder owned corporations, GM for example, does not ask its customers to pay for new manufacturing plants. Rather, GM plans for expansion, budgets for it, spends for it, and only THEN dispenses dividends from profits back to the shareholders of its stock. The current formula under which Avista operates, with the blessing of the Idaho PUC, somehow eliminates the part where the investors assume the risk for growing their own company. The financial burden of Avista ratepayers assuming expansion costs on behalf of the stockholders has gone on far too long. I urge the PUC to deny Avistas application for a rate increase. Further, I demand action from the Legislature that will re-write laws which benefit shareholders interests and not those of the ratepayers.

Sincerely,

Ken Jackson

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Jean Jewell

From: Ed Howell
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2005 9:43 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Friday, January 28, 2005
9:42:49 AM

Case: AUV-E-05-1
Name: Gary Hoffman
Street Address: 616 Widgeon
City: Post Falls
State: Idaho
ZIP: 83854
Home Telephone: 208-457-9400
E-Mail: garyhoffman@adelphia.net
Company: Kootenai Electric
mailing_list_yes no: yes
Comment_description: Ladies, and Gentlemen,

Please explain to me why Avista needs more from their rate payers. Avista has been very diligent in passing on the costs of their mistakes, and poor business decisions, (Enron), to the rate payers. Now, they want us to pay for the purchase of a new generating plant?

As a businessman myself, I don't have the luxury of passing the costs of my mistakes, or other financial business decisions to my customers. I don't share the same advantage that Avista has....a captive audience. My customers have the option of taking their business elsewhere if I don't treat them fairly, and keep my costs to them affordable. Avista's customers can't. We don't have the privelage of 'shopping around' for cheaper energy rates....and they know it, and they take full advantage of it.

Avista needs to learn how to sharpen their pencil, and quit showing up at the door with their hand out, everytime they need to raise their rates in an effort to 'provide better service to their customers'. The following headline was, I'm sure, well received in Avista's boardroom. However, it would have been better, had it read, Avista's profits soar 50% because they were able to reduce operating costs and apply better business practices. This all seem reminisant of the age old story of; "The Little Boy Who Cried Wolf."

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Profit soars nearly 50 percent at Avista

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPOKANE, Wash. -- Avista Corp., the gas and electric utility, Wednesday posted a 50 percent jump in fourth-quarter profit, helped by the effects of rate decisions in Idaho and Washington, as well as improved results in its energy marketing and resource management segment.

The Spokane-based company said net income rose to \$22.6 million, or 46 cents a share, in the latest quarter, from \$15.1 million, or 31 cents a share, a year earlier.

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