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Reference: Avista Request AVU-E-08-01

To the Commission:

This letter is in response to Avista's request for an increase in rates. It is amazing to me, with the economy the way it is right now, that an increase should not even be considered.

I imagine Avista is basing their request on a "cost of doing business". A bit of irony here – we are on social security, and our 2008 combined increase for "cost of living" (or, our "cost of doing business") was a grand total of \$25.00. In today's world, that covers about 7 gallons of gasoline for our car – and – probably about 15 minutes of heat for our home.

I would urge you to SERIOUSLY consider the impact this increase would have on the consumers facing hardships in many areas, because of the economy. I read where the increase could be over \$20.00 for the average household. This winter alone, which I realize was unusual, has cost us an average of \$153.47 per month. Never in 53 years of marriage has such a high percentage of our income gone to heat our home – and several of those homes have been larger than the one we now occupy.

Of course, in an ideal world, the top management of Avista would offer to take home less income than they normally would. I'm sure, if they tightened their belts, they could manage to survive on half a million dollars a year versus their present take home pay. What a wonderful message that would send to the consumers! I am always amused when our Avista statement gives us an opportunity to help the less fortunate heat their homes. Just imagine what the top management could do for those same people.

Sincerely,

  
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**From:** tndowney2@msn.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 01, 2008 11:12 AM  
**To:** Tonya Clark; Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Norma L. Downey & Terrance Downey follows:

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Case Number:  
Name: Norma L. Downey & Terrance Downey  
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City: Lewiston  
State: ID  
Zip: 83501  
Daytime Telephone: 208-743-8255  
Contact E-Mail: [tndowney2@msn.com](mailto:tndowney2@msn.com)  
Name of Utility Company: Avista  
Add to Mailing List: no

Please describe your comment briefly:

We sure wish someone would give US a 15.9% pension or social security increase to cover the cost of electricity or 6.5% increase to cover the cost of natural gas should the present proposal before the commission from Avista be approved. Who is trying to destroy this country?? We are investors also, but we would be happy with a little less if the increase hurts so many people, and IT WILL.

Please consider this in your deliberations.

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**From:** jms Shay01@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 01, 2008 6:09 AM  
**To:** Tonya Clark; Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from J M Shay follows:

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Case Number: AVU-E-08-01  
Name: J M Shay  
Address: 2545 W. Diamond Bar Rd  
City: Rathdrum  
State: ID  
Zip: 83858  
Daytime Telephone: 208-762-2326  
Contact E-Mail: [jms Shay01@hotmail.com](mailto:jms Shay01@hotmail.com)  
Name of Utility Company: Avista  
Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

Large price increases are hitting us from all sides--groceries, gas, property taxes, etc. We do not get a cost-of-living raise to accomodate these rising prices. In order to make ends meet, we have to cut back our spending. This is difficult when raising three teenagers! I think those at Avista should realize this and take it into consideration before requesting huge rate increases. Didn't we just have increases not too long ago? What's going on?

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**From:** kenny.gettmann@atk.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 29, 2008 11:44 AM  
**To:** Tonya Clark; Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Ken Gettmann follows:

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Case Number:  
Name: Ken Gettmann  
Address: 3528 17th St.  
City: Lewiston  
State: Idaho  
Zip: 83501  
Daytime Telephone: 208-746-2351 x2545  
Contact E-Mail: kenny.gettmann@atk.com  
Name of Utility Company: Avista  
Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

With the bill I received yesterday from Avista was a small slip of paper regarding the proposed rate hike for electricity & natural gas. The increases are very substantial! There is no way that these can be deemed fair and equitable. We the consumers are already absorbing huge costs to us everyday. Everything from gasoline to groceries have taken enormous increases in a very short amount of time. Wages cannot make up for or compete with these increases; therefore I make less money or lose money as time goes on! I guess you could count me in the majority who are very strongly opposed to these rate increase proposals! Thanks for your time! Ken Gettmann

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