## Jean Jewell

From:

secretary

Sent:

Monday, June 22, 2015 5:01 PM

To:

Jean Jewell; Diane Holt

Subject:

FW: Case Nos. AVU-E-15-05 and AVU-G-15-01

From: Deanna Bramblett

Sent: Monday, June 22, 2015 5:01:07 PM (UTC-07:00) Mountain Time (US & Canada)

To: secretary

Subject: Case Nos. AVU-E-15-05 and AVU-G-15-01

CASE NO. AVU-E-15-05 CASE NO. AVU-G-15-01

**ORDER NO. 33324** 

The Benewah County Board of Commissioners reviewed the Matter of the Application of Avista Corp to Increase its Rates and Charges for Electric and Natural Gas Service dated June 15, 2015 at their regular board meeting this morning. They would like to be on record as being opposed to this rate increase. Many of the Benewah County residents already struggle to pay their utility service especially during the winter and a rate increase would add to that burden.

Benewah County Board of Commissioners, Jack A. Buell, Chairman

By:

# Deanna Bramblett

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## Jean Jewell

From: chcw313@gmail.com

Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2015 10:33 PM

To: Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness

chcw313@gmail.com Cc:

Subject: Case Comment Form: cynthia webb

Name: cynthia webb

Case Number: AVU-E-15-05/AVU-G-15-05

Email: chcw313@gmail.com Telephone: 2087723991 Address: 10731 n bligh ct

hayden Idaho, 83835

Name of Utility Company: Avista Acknowledge public record: True

Comment: Avista has consistently raised rates every year...there is appearently no consideration ever given to the fact that the consumer is not getting any raises; at least not in my case or that of my Mother...the raises she has received from Social Security certainly do not compare to the raises that Avista gets. All other costs have gone up as well. Perhaps we could look at how much Avista's CEO gets in raises and bonuses. I am tired of footing the bill for high priced executives. I have noticed Avista has received their rate increases with distressing regularity; almost as though it is a rubber stamp process.

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#### Jean Jewell

From:

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Sent:

Thursday, June 25, 2015 2:35 PM

To:

Jean Jewell

Subject:

FW: Comments on Proposed Increases

---- Forwarded Message -----

From: jfj parke <<u>justfnjoe@yahoo.com</u>>

To: "jeanjewell@puc.idaho.gov" < jeanjewell@puc.idaho.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2015 3:24 PM Subject: Comments on Proposed Increases

To: Jean Jewell or Jolene

I had 'sent' comments on your form & it didn't seem to make it there complete so Jolene suggested I use this method

#### Case # AVU-G-15-01

The proposed Rate increases are Excessive & Aggressive. The increase of almost doubling the Basic Monthly Charge from \$4.25 to \$8.00 per month is Absurd & Userous. I live entirely on my Social Security, which at the beginning of this year, rose 1.6% or \$14.00 per month for me. This was not enough to cover the increases in my Home & Auto insurance. The price of groceries has just about doubled in the past 2 years. The calculations for the S.S. COLA do NOT include consideration of the costs for Food, Utilities or Gasoline, the 3 most basic commodities for retirees on a fixed income. I have cut my mileage driven to 1,000 miles per year to survive, so the price of gasoline does not affect me much.

The costs of Legal Fees to request these increases must be vast & are passed on to we consumers, NOT the investors of Avista stock Why should we pay to make Avista a more attractive stock?

I think the prices for Gas & Electric should be based on Costs, NOT some FCA mechanism. This is Snake Oil chicanery & this mentality was pushed out of existence during its heyday in the Wild West. Have we learned nothing from our history besides listening to a new set of Snake Oil salesmen foisting their 'Bottled Remedies' on us? I have always wondered about the mentality that urges us all to Conserve, when it would be well known that the Utilities profit from 'more' use. I 'Conserve'. because I can't afford more costs & the idea of paying more for Less Use is physically stifling. It makes me short of breath.

Sincerely, Thank You & Good Day, Joe Parker - 4437 Sulu St - CDA, ID, 83815 - 208-664-1008