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Name of Utility Company: Avista
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Comment: Commissioners,

Yet again we are in the midst of another rate increase request by Avista, despite the fact that the utility ended 2014 with strong earnings and a healthy balance sheet. Let's also not forget that the company is asking for its eighth rate increase in 8 years. Not surprisingly, management continues to state that these increases are driven by millions of dollars of required infrastructure upgrades. A good excuse if you're talking to a credulous audience.

Surprisingly, the Washington state Attorney General's Office of Public Counsel has actually come out and recommended a rate decrease (in reference to Avista's electric rate request in Washington). Sadly though, I have lost faith in Idaho's PUC to finally render a decision in favor of its ratepayers and follow Washington's lead.

Respectfully,
David R. Asher

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