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Comment: Avista's proposed rate increases would present a hardship for residents and small businesses in Northern Idaho. I find it offensive Avista while posting record profits is asking for rate hike for electric customers in 2019 and another for gas. Avista states the request is driven by ongoing investments in its plants, technology and other assets, as well as increased costs associated with providing power for 128,200 Idahoans.

Avista is not justified in asking ratepayers to carry the extra cost in their budgets. Avista has expenses they should be reducing and/or eliminating associated with advertising, sponsorships, car and product give-a-ways and executive management salaries among others.

Why should ratepayers be burden with the costs associated with advertising, we're ratepayers not customers. As ratepayers we don't have a choice as to who provides our service. We don't have the ability to shop around for our gas and electric service so why does Avista need an advertising budget?

Why should ratepayers be burden with the costs associated with car, snow blower, and barbeque giveaways, employee achievements and service, etc.?

Why should ratepayers be burden with the costs associated with the monthly printed mailer about their energy usage? The monthly report is in no way accurate or reflects the ratepayer's type of energy needs vs. usage compared to others in their 'neighborhood'.

Why should ratepayers be burden with the costs associated with Avista's online social presence? Avista has other methods of communicating outages, emergencies, etc.

Why should Idaho ratepayers be burden with the costs associated with the following sponsorships most of which are located in Washington State?

Avista Scholars

- Gonzaga University
- Washington State University
- University of Idaho
- Eastern Washington University
- Community Colleges of Spokane
- Walla Walla Community College (Clarkston Branch)
- Eastern Oregon State College
- Lewis-Clark State College
- North Idaho College
- Oregon Institute of Technology
- Southern Oregon State College

College Athletic Sponsorships

- Gonzaga University
- Community Colleges of Spokane
- Whitworth University

- Eastern Washington
- University of Idaho
- Washington State University

Community Sponsorships

- Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, Oregon
- Whitworth Leadership Forum
- Spokane Symphony
- Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture
- Avista Stadium (Spokane Indians)
- Spokane Chiefs
- Avista NAIA College World Series
- Spokane Hoopfest
- Spokane Youth Sports Association (SYSA)
- Spokane Sports Commission
- Special Olympics
- Spokane Shock
- Spokane Lilac Parade
- Lionel Hampton Festival
- The Festival at Sandpoint
- The Cotton Classic

Why should ratepayers be burden with the costs associated with the increasing executive management compensations? Avista should be allowed reasonable level of return, but they also should be responsible stewards of the ratepayers who have no choice in who provides for their energy needs.

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