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I'm opposed to Avista's requested 5.3 million dollar rate increase (Avista Rate Case # AVU-F-19-04). Avista offers smart meter opt outs to Washington customers, but denies opt outs to their Idaho customers. How disrespectful. EMF radiation from smart meters is a harmful pollutant and Idahoans don't have a choice. Until Avista treats their customers with respect and offers opt outs for smart meters -- no rate increases!

Avista has stolen jobs from Idaho by exchanging meter reading jobs for unsafe technology that they expect Idahoans to pay for! Smart meters have started fires in California. And Avista offers no opt-outs for their Idaho customers.

Avista never asked their customers if they wanted smart meters. They just started tacking them onto our homes. Smart meters emit EMF radiation all day and all night even if you turn the breakers off! We have no opt-outs in Idaho for smart meters. Seriously, Avista wants Idahoans to pay for their plan to roll out smart meters when they never gave us a choice! They make big plans and expect their Idaho customers to pay for it. IPUC needs to side with Idaho citizens on this one. They want to put an unsafe wireless device on our homes with no opt outs! No rate increase!

The National Institutes of Health's \$25 million dollar study reports that electro-magnetic (EMF) radiation causes cancer! EMF radiation is emitted from smart meters! You might think it's just a small amount, but actually it is pulsing every few seconds 24-7. And EMF radiation is accumulative. Why should Avista get more money from their Idaho customers when they never gave them a choice if they wanted an EMF emitting meter and no choice to opt out?

Top scientist reviewed EMF radiation studies and compiled them in the Bioinitiative Report in which they report many concerns of any device emitting radiation. It's your choice if you want a cell phone, but with smart meters, Avista gives us no choice. They offer no opt-out to their Idaho customers. They expect Idahoans to pay for their bad meters and their new data management system. Idahoans don't want their data managed by their utility company. This has come down to our freedoms.

The CEO of Avista brings in an income 20 -60 times more than many Idahoans. They give us no opt outs for wireless smart meters and then asks IPUC for a \$5.3 million rate increase, in midsummer when it's the least likely customers are paying attention. That's why monopolies in any industry don't work. It becomes a pyramid scheme.

Avista should be allowed a reasonable rate of return, but they should also take responsibility to provide for those who suffer EHS symptoms by allowing opt outs when requested. They offer opt-outs to their customers in Washington, why not their Idaho customers? A 10-million dollar study proved that EMF radiation causes cancer. Many other studies show harmful effects. When breakers are shut completely off, the smart meter is still emitting harmful EMF radiation. There is no escape. No rate increase for Avista.

We have no choice of our utility provider. We were given no choice about hooking up to the smart grid. We were given no choice about what kind of meter we

wanted on our homes. Avista chose meters that emit electro-magnetic radiation which has been shown by a \$10 million dollar study to cause cancer. Other studies show an array of health effects. We have no opt-outs from smart meters. And for all that great customer service, Avista requests IPUC for a rate increase to their customers in Idaho of 5.3 million!

I'm fed up with having no say in what kind of meter I want on my home. I hear about other utility providers bending over backwards to help those with EHS who are sensitive to EMF radiation for wireless devices, including smart meters. Avista cares not for what their Idaho customers want. They just want more and more money from us. IPUC has a responsibility to the citizens of Idaho. No rate increase!

I do not trust Avista's decision making. Last year Avista was ready to sell out to a foreign country. That sell out would have been a risk to US security because it included selling them US dams owned by Avista. Now they propose a smart meter roll out with data collecting to their Idaho customers and they want their Idaho customers to pay for it!

Who in Idaho wants to have their data collected by their utility company? Who wants a smart meter that emits EMF radiation, a known carcinogen strapped onto their home? Perhaps they haven't heard about the National Institute of Health's 10 year, \$25 million dollar study that reported electro-magnetic (EMF) radiation causes cancer! Avista is not keeping up with the science and does not care about the health of their Idaho customers.

IPUC needs to make sure that Idaho citizens have a choice to opt-out from EMF emitting utility meters. No opt-outs, no rate increases for Avista. They don't care about the science, but they do care about the money.

Sincerely,

Krista Huss-Mills

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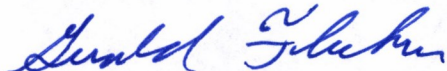
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I'm opposed to Avista's requested 5.3 million dollar rate increase (**Avista Rate Case # AVU-E-19-04**).

Last year Avista was ready to sell out to a foreign country that included our water dams. They would have gained monetarily, without consideration if it was good for the USA. Avista didn't care about the risks to the USA that selling to a foreign country would create. Avista doesn't seem to care about our health, our personal rights, or our privacy.

Avista wants to roll out smart meters and a data collection system in Idaho and they want their Idaho customers to pay for it! Avista offers smart meter opt outs to their Washington customers, but denies opt outs to their Idaho customers. How disrespectful. Smart meters emit EMF radiation, a harmful pollutant, a known carcinogen. A 10 year, \$25 million dollar study reported electro-magnetic (EMF) radiation causes cancer! Until Avista treats their customers with respect and offers opt outs for smart meters -- no rate increases!

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RE: Avista Rate Case # AVU-E-19-04

Dear IPUC,

I am writing to express my concerns about Avista's recent request for price hikes and their refusal to allow their customer's to opt out of smart meter installations.

As you know, Avista has requested a 5.3 million dollar price increase (Avista Rate Case #AVU-F-19-04). They will save money by not needing meter readers and yet they want to charge their customers for smart meters that many do not want.

Avista's smart meters will be able to collect data from their customers' private activities. Those are data that Avista can profit from. Avista customers have a right to privacy and should not be mandated to have devices installed on their homes that will allow Avista to collect information on their private activities.

I am also concerned about the health problems that smart meters can cause. We have strong evidence that the radiation emitted from smart meters constitutes a health hazard for people whose homes have those meters installed on them. Please review the work of Martin L. Pall, Ph.D, Professor Emeritus of Biochemistry and Basic Medical Sciences of Washington State University. He has written extensively about this.

Avista does not have plans for opting out of the smart meters installations. In Washington state, Avista customers are allowed to opt-out with only a minimal cost of \$5 per month. Why doesn't Idaho allow this as well?

I respectfully request that the IPUC deny the Avista price hike and allow Idaho citizens to opt out of smart meter installations.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Ann Bowes

Moscow, Idaho